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School Committee votes on school choice

By LIZZY HILL
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — The School Committee received the superintendent's report, public comment, and a budget report and later voted on school choice during their meeting on Wednesday, April 10.

The committee observed a moment of silence in honor of Wilmington High School senior Kevin Stano who tragically passed away earlier this month. Chair David Ragsdale shared his deepest condolences to Stano's family and friends.

Middle school student representatives Sarah Najarian and Jen Corby informed the committee about recent student activities including English/Language Arts MCAS, the Gay/Straight Alliance's Day of Silence, advisory door decorating themes, the STEM fair, a junior jazz band performance, and a student leadership conference.

They then recognized Wilmington Veteran Elmer Drew with his high school diploma. Ragsdale provided the law allows service members who withdrew from secondary school before graduation to serve in the armed forces and who were later honorably discharged to receive a high school diploma as of 2006. He also described that Elmer Drew joined the US Navy at the age of 17, arriving one month before D-Day, and he was killed as a result of German artillery.

Committee member Stephen Turner added that the 1945 yearbook was dedicated to Drew for his supreme sacrifice made for the country.

The committee voted in favor of awarding the diploma to Elmer Drew, which was given to Warren Drew on his behalf.

M.J. Byrnes said that she was grateful for his sacrifice and sorry for the pain of his loss.

Lou Cimaglia, who was present in the audience, promised that Wilmington would never forget Elmer Drew.

The next item on the agenda was a public hearing held relative to the district's participation in school choice. Superintendent Dr. Glenn Brand explained that Massachusetts General Law allows families to enroll students in any school district other than the district in which their child lives, unless that district has elected not to participate in school choice. He said that if the committee wishes to vote to withdraw, they must do so by June 1.

Turner clarified that the choice only prevents students from choosing to enter Wilmington and does not affect the ability of those from Wilmington to attend school in another district.

Jay Samaha said that he felt unprepared to vote at this time. He asked for more information from other districts that do participate, although he said he was inclined to vote against it.

Dr. Jenn Bryson commented that she was open to the recommendation to not participate, but for next year she agreed they would need more information from other districts. Jesse Fennelly shared a similar sentiment.

Turner also agreed that deciding based on more evidence would be wise. He suggested they reach out to state representatives to see if there is a chance of increasing the funding provided under school choice, as he previously stated that this would affect his willingness to vote to participate.

Ragsdale doubted that they could gather the information necessary by June 1 to make a more informed vote, and they voted to not participate for next year.

The superintendent's report for that night pertained to the last day of school and summer enrichment. Brand declared that the last day of school was currently scheduled for Friday, June 14, which would be a half day.

WHS history teachers Matthew Hackett and Mike Jones discussed their plans for the summer enrichment program this year. Hackett described how they began recruiting teachers and structuring the program in the fall, and they opened registrations in January.

They had 14 total classes scheduled: Introduction to FTC Robotics, Experienced Robotics, Robotics Programming, Computer-aided Design, Elementary STEM Exploration, Python Programming, High School Drama Workshop, Mid-

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School Committee receives IEP updates

By LIZZY HILL
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — Superintendent Dr. Glenn Brand explained to the School Committee during their April 10 meeting that the state had updated the special education IEP form for the first time since the early 2000s with improvements that would impact many students in the community.

Director of Student Support Services Alice Brown-LeGrand mentioned the district had previously worked with Allen Blume to design their IEP form through a data-driven process in 2018. Blume was also conveniently involved with the state updates to the IEP form which all districts are expected to adopt by the end of next year. The change to the new form would take place upon annual reevaluation or with new evaluations for IEPs.

Coordinator of Special Education Maura Kilbride clarified that the change is only a new form, not a new evaluation process. She also shared that the district used Allen Blume to help with their communications and training which had been taking place since 2023, so there was already familiarity with the new form.

Brown-LeGrand added that the eligibility and questions have not changed in any capacity.

Instead, the changes are related to language and how the information in the form is organized to prioritize student and stake-

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Building of new Town Hall ready to commence

Consigli Construction is excited to announce that the construction of the new town hall building is set to commence. Over the next few weeks, you will see the following activities taking place: fencing installation: in preparation for construction, fencing will be erected around the perimeter of the construction site. This is to ensure safety and security throughout the duration of the project. Mobilization of trailers: you may also observe trailers being mobilized to the construction site. These trailers will serve as temporary offices and storage facilities for the construction crew. Throughout the project, the project team will work to provide regular updates on the progress of the project. They are confident that the completion of the new town hall building will greatly enhance the community and provide a central hub for civic engagement and services for years to come. (Courtesy photo)

School Committee considers article to rename Woburn Street School

By LIZZY HILL
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — In light of a warrant article for the annual Town Meeting on May 4 proposing that the Woburn Street School be renamed, the School Committee took time in their meeting on April 10 to discuss their opinions and create a plan.

Superintendent Dr. Glenn Brand provided that warrant article 36 is an effort to explore whether the town will rename the Woburn Street School to the Richardson Elementary School. He suggested it was timely to engage the committee on their opinions.

There were several things to consider in his mind relative to the article because the Woburn Street School may be part of the Wildwood School MSBA project.

He clarified that the article did not come through his office or the committee. He recalled that the district named the high school gym and band room in 2017, a decision in which the committee had been involved, and there had been discussion about creating a policy but it never materialized.

Stephen Turner shared that he was hesitant to rename an existing building. He also restated the committee's understanding of the information provided about Richardson, which said that the family tried to donate some land to the town, the town declined, and so another organization created a deed to protect the building and the land.

Dr. Mike Mercaldi asked what typical reasons for changing the name of a building may be. Brand clarified that the town has never renamed an existing building; they have only named individual rooms.

Chair David Ragsdale pointed out that the school committee had a policy about naming new facilities, but it did not describe any procedure for renaming existing facilities.

M.J. Byrnes commented the school is a public building that belongs to the citizens of Wilmington. She said she would be more amenable to a decision that is equitable to all and allows more residents to participate and invest in the choice of the new name.

Director of Administration and Finance Paul Ruggiero replied later that the school buildings do fall under the purview of the School Committee.

Jay Samaha asked if a decision in favor of this article at Town Meeting would be binding. He also wondered if there may be any financial implications related to changing the school name. Brand said that he would have to look into the answers to both of those questions. Ruggiero suggested there may be a cost associated with changing any signage.

Mercaldi wondered what other information had been provided about the Richardson family besides the fact that they tried to donate land to the town. He said additional information may provide further reasoning to help them understand the intent behind the article. Brand confirmed this was all the information given.

Jesse Fennelly said that he didn't think the time to change the name of the school was now, because it may be closed in a few years.

Chair David Ragsdale agreed that timing was one of his objections, as

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Wilmington Library News:

Tree seedling giveaway on Friday, April 26

▲ On Friday, April 26, the library will be giving away 100 balsam fir tree seedlings! Patrons may take one per family as supplies last. Thank you to the Friends of the Library for sponsoring this program!

(Courtesy photo)

We will be giving away one hundred balsam fir tree seedlings. One per family while supplies last. Thank you to the Friends of the Library for sponsoring this program!

Needleworkers
Friday, April 26, 10 a.m.
This is a social group for those who do any kind of needle craft. Bring your knitting, crocheting, quilting, etc. and enjoy a little conversation and camaraderie. Drop in.

Town Cleanup
Saturday, April 27, 10 a.m.
Spend some time picking up litter around Wilmington, then bring your bag of trash to the Wildwood Street Parking lot from 10am - 12pm to spin the wheel for a small prize. Planning to pick up litter earlier in the week? Bring us a picture of your hard work instead! Trash bags and gloves will be available at the library starting April 15, while supplies last.

Adult Programs

Bookends Book Group
Monday, April 22, 10 a.m.
This book group discusses contemporary books, both fiction and non-fiction, led by Library Associate Rebecca Lowe. Copies of the book are available at the library. April's featured title is Madame Restell: The Life, Death and Resurrection of Old New York's Most Fabulous, Fearless and Infamous Abortionist by Jennifer Wright.

Needleworkers at Night
Monday, April 22, 6:30 p.m.
These nighttime sessions are perfect for anyone who does any kind of needle craft but can't make it to Needleworkers during the day! Drop-in. This group meets every Monday in the cozy seating area of the first floor of the library.

Hybrid DEI Book Group
Monday, April 22, 6:30 p.m.
This book group, focused on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, meets on the 4th Monday of the month. We read the book three chapters at a time to allow us to delve deeper into what we're reading. The current book is Broke in America by Joanne Samuel Goldblum. This meeting (April 22) will cover chapters 9 through 11 (62 pages).

Drop-in Tech Help
Tuesday, April 23, 2 p.m.
Wednesday, April 24, 2 p.m.
Saturday, April 27, 2 p.m.
Have a tech question that's been bugging you? Stop by Drop-in Tech Help.

Game On!
Tuesday, April 23, 6 p.m.
Play a number of board games under the guidance of gaming enthusiast Scot Crispin. All are welcome. Ages 12+

Making the Most of Your Workplace Benefits
Thursday, April 25, 6:30 p.m.
Many employees don't take advantage of the benefits that their employer offers. Join us to understand how to choose a health insurance plan, a retirement plan, and investments for retirement.

Arbor Day Tree Seedling Giveaway
Friday, April 26, All Day

Youth Programs

Wilmington Community Playgroup
Monday, April 22, 10 a.m.
The Community Teamwork Family Resource Network is here weekly! Join CTI for a community playgroup where we'll work on Early Literacy skills and much, much more! Ask CTI about any resources they can help provide for you and your family. The first playgroup of every month will focus on infants and toddlers. Ages 0-6, siblings welcome

Kids' Book Cafe
Monday, April 22, 6 p.m
A book tasting for students in Grades 3-5. Sample a variety of books, both fiction and nonfiction, revolving around the same genre or theme. Each session will include either a themed snack or activity! This month's theme is Poetry & Spring. Grades 3-5

Preschool Storytime
Tuesday, April 23, 10 a.m.
Join us at our Preschool Storytime! This program includes books, rhymes, music and movement. Ages 3-6

Storytime Steps
Tuesday, April 23, 2 p.m.
Join DB Studios for a fun and interactive dance, storytime, and movement class! Through improvisation, storytime, and creative exercises, dance encourages imaginative thinking and nurtures a child's creativity. We can't wait to move and read with you soon! Ages 3-6 with a caregiver

Banking & Credit 101
Tuesday, April 23, 6 p.m.
Ever wish school would teach you about real world money skills? Join Reading Cooperative Bank for a financial literacy month program. For teens and adults

Time for Twos
Wednesday, April 24, 10 a.m.
Join us at our Time for Twos! This program includes books, rhymes, music and movement. Age 2

Bilingual Story Hour
Wednesday, April 24, 3 p.m.
The Community Teamwork Family Resource Network is here weekly! Practice using your home language with us! Our staff will be here with an interpreter speaking Haitian Creole. At our playgroup we will work on Early Literacy skills and more! Ask CTI about any resources they can help provide for you and your family. Ages 0-6 and their caregivers

Girls Who Code
Wednesday, April 24, 6 p.m.
Girls Who Code is an organization that aims to close the gender gap in STEM fields by teaching girls to code. Over the twelve weeks you'll learn about coding, women in the STEM fields, and work together to code your own project. Grades 3-5

Baby Time
Thursday, April 25, 10 a.m.
Join us at our Baby Time! This program includes books, rhymes, music and movement. Ages 0-23 months

Read to Stormy
Thursday, April 25, 4 p.m.
Come practice your reading skills with Therapy Dog, Stormy! Sign up for one 15 minute session per family. Grades K-6

Sensory Discovery for Teens
Friday, April 26, 10:30 a.m.
Sensory Discovery is designed as an enrichment activity with fun games and crafts for neurodiverse teens! Ages 14-18

Switch it Up! Video Game Club
Friday, April 26, 3:45 p.m.
Love video games? Come to this once-a-month video game club to play Switch games with friends! Grades 1-5

Additional Information

Book Store Next Door — Winter Hours
The Book Store Next Door is open on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Shop discount books! Paperbacks for $1 and hardcovers for $2. The Book Store is staffed by volunteers from the Friends of the Library and all proceeds help support library programs.

Museum Passes
The library has discounted passes to your favorite Massachusetts museums, attractions, and state parks. Find the full list on our website!

WML In-Person Programming
Registration is required for most in-person programs. Please check our website on the day of the program to confirm location. Masks are no longer required for vaccinated patrons while visiting the library.

WML Virtual Programming
The library continues to offer a variety of virtual events. Please note that registration is required in order to receive the Zoom link. Go to *wilmlibrary.org* to register or call 978-658-2967.

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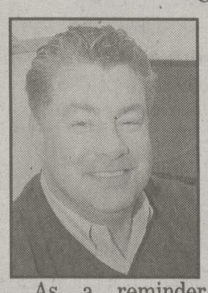
by Todd Brisbois



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As a reminder: Never click on any unsolicited communication claiming to be the IRS as it may surreptitiously load malware. It may also be a way for malicious hackers to load ransomware that keeps the legitimate user from accessing their system and files.

Individuals should never respond to tax-related phishing or smishing or click on the URL link. Instead, the scams should be reported by sending the email or a copy of the text/SMS as an attachment to phishing@irs.gov. The report should include the caller ID (email or phone number), date, time and time zone, and the number that received the message.

Taxpayers can also report scams to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration or the Internet Crime Complaint Center. The Report Phishing and Online Scams page at IRS.gov provides complete details. The Federal Communications Commission's Smartphone Security Checker is a useful tool against mobile security threats.

The IRS also warns taxpayers to be wary of messages that appear to be from friends or family but that are possibly stolen or compromised email or text accounts from someone they know. This remains a popular way to target individuals and tax preparers for a variety of scams. Individuals should verify the identity of the sender by using another communication method; for instance, calling a number they independently know to be accurate, not the number provided in the email or text.

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It all Boyle's Down to This (Podcast) Episode 34
Join Jim and Jack in this spirited father and son kitchen table chat, turned podcast! On this episode, tune in as they tackle the NCAA Final Four, Opening Day for the Red Sox, a little Celtics and the Masters Golf Tournament!

*These programs can be viewed on WCTV channels or on WCTV's Youtube channel: WCTV Wilmington.

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Wednesday April 24, School Committee
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Good Guy Committee chooses winner, dinner set for May 10

WILMINGTON — The Wilmington Good Guy Committee has voted and selected the winner of the 2024 Wilmington Good Guy Award. This individual will be honored with a "surprise" gala dinner, speeches and a good-natured "roast" on Friday, May 10, 2024 at 7 p.m. at the Wilmington Knights of Columbus Hall in celebration of their induction into joining this special group of individuals.

Many will know this individual for their involvement in volunteer work and active participation in activities across the community. But remember... it is supposed to be a surprise to the recipient!

"We would like to thank all of those who took the time to submit nominations for their candidates and are excited in knowing that Wilmington has a surplus of wonderful candidates for future recognition of this great award."

Come join us for this special event hosted by Master of Ceremonies Steve Bjork. Tickets at $35 per person are available by contacting *wilmingtongoodguy@gmail.com*, through friends or family of this year's Good Guy, or by reaching out to Pat Giroux, Mike Burns, Becky McGrath, Dianna DiGregorio, Ann St. Onge, Chris Neville, Joan Searfoss, or Bob DiPalma.

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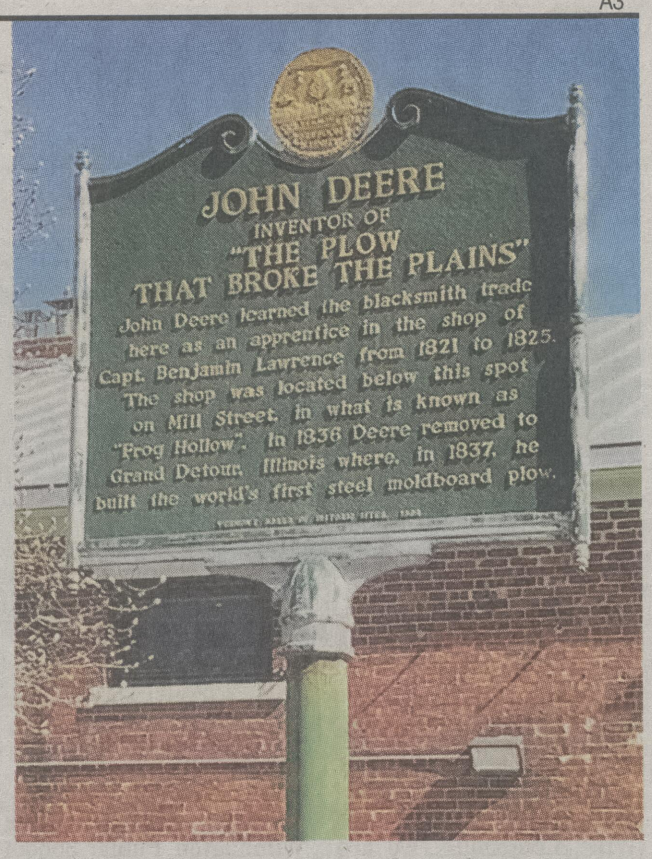
JOHN DEERE
INVENTOR OF
"THE PLOW
THAT BROKE THE PLAINS"
John Deere learned the blacksmith trade here as an apprentice in the shop of Capt. Benjamin Lawrence from 1821 to 1825. The shop was located below this spot on Mill Street, in what is known as "Frog Hollow". In 1836 Deere removed to Grand Detour, Illinois where, in 1837, he built the world's first steel moldboard plow.

▲ A historic marker points out that John Deere apprenticed in Middlebury from 1821-1825 before going on to Illinois to invent his famous plow.
(Paige Impink photos)

◀ The falls in Middlebury, once the anchor for industry, are now the backdrop for this lovely Vermont town.

Visit the scenic town of Middlebury, Vermont

By PAIGE IMPINK
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On a recent trip through the Green Mountain State, we spent some time in the quaint town of Middlebury. Home to Middlebury College, the town is walkable and scenic. The town was built around Otter Creek and its falls to take advantage of the hydropower, as so many New England towns did.

Walking around, it's easy to imagine the 19th century community that bustled with grain, lumber, stone, and cloth mills thanks to the thundering water running under Main Street as it worked its way to Lake Champlain.

Day trip worthy, Middlebury has something for everyone. Downtown Middlebury is pedestrian friendly, with shops open early and restrooms available in many places such as the public library, town offices, and the rec center. There are interesting places to explore, including the Marble Works, a restored industrial marble finishing complex that operated until the 1940s. The complex, built with scrap marble pieces, is now home to several active shops and businesses.

Middlebury also has a railway. Originally constructed in 1840, the manufacturing community was able to take advantage of market access from Quebec all the way to Georgia. Amtrak runs the rail now, complete with a tunnel that runs under a portion of the town. A public park looks out over the river from the lawn of the Marble Works.

A footbridge connects visitors back to the center of Middlebury over the Otter River, or one can walk under the railroad to explore the shops and eateries on Seymour Street.

The Henry Sheldon Museum of Vermont History is located in a Federal-style house built in 1829. Open May 11, 2024-Jan. 4, 2025, the museum has limited hours but houses a collection of Vermont furniture, paintings, and artifacts that give visitors a glimpse into the past.

The museum also has a research center of state archive information for scholars and genealogists to explore. The museum has temporary exhibits and online programming for the public and has artwork in its garden, as well.

An interesting note; Middlebury was where John Deere learned the blacksmith trade as an apprentice in 1821. Deere later moved to Illinois where in 1837 he invented "the plow that broke the plains," the first steel moldboard plow.

The largest presence in Middlebury is the college. Founded in 1800, Middlebury is a prestigious liberal arts institution. The campus is open and welcoming to the community, offering performances and concerts at the Mahaney Arts Center, art exhibits in the Middlebury College Museum of Art, and athletic complex amenities open to the public including a ski area called the Snow Bowl.

There is even an 18-hole golf course available and a winter recreation center with Nordic skiing among other options.

And what is Vermont without a covered bridge? Middlebury has two: the Halpin Covered Bride on Halpin Road and the Pulp Mill Covered Bridge on Seymour Street.

The Pulp Mill, according to the Addison County Chamber of Commerce, is one of only six remaining two-lane bridges of three spans in the country. Built in 1820, it is the oldest covered bridge in Vermont.

The Halpin bridge is the highest covered bridge in Vermont located over a streambed and has a natural waterfall below. It is a private bridge so visitors are asked to not use the road.

On our trip we noted several eateries not open on Mondays. However, there are numerous coffee roasters, eateries for all tastes, and a meadery. There's a real charm to Middlebury. Don't miss this Vermont gem.

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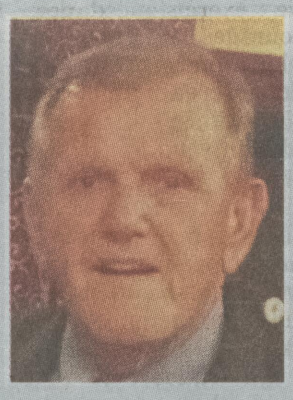
Robert C. Weatherbee

Member of the Wilmington/Tewksbury Elks



Robert C. Weatherbee, 79 of Hudson, FL, passed away on April 9 surrounded by his family.

He is survived by his partner in life's journey and best friend, Mary Weatherbee. Also, his children whom he cherishes, Patricia Weatherbee and her partner Tom Dietrich and Michael Weatherbee and his wife Lindsay Weatherbee.

He also leaves behind grandchildren Mariah Hyde and Mackenzie Weatherbee. Also two great grandsons Braylon Hyde and Jeremiah Issac.

Brother to Beatrice Randall and brother-in-law to Marilyn Weatherbee, Francis and Carol Mahoney, Irene and Lou Zaffers, Jim Mullen, Michael Mahoney, Barbara Mahoney and her partner Ken, Ann and Colin Kent. He also leaves behind many nieces, nephews as well as countless friends.

Robert was predeceased by his brothers Bill and Don Weatherbee, sisters Dorothy Irwin and Louise Smith, and sisters-in-law Patricia Mullen and Peggy Graham.

Bob's passions were his family, his affiliation with the Carpenters Union and his love for golf.

Bob and Mary spent many years enjoying their family and friends at Lake Winnipesaukee, NH and Heritage Pines Country Club. He was proud to be a member of the Masons, and also the Wilmington/Tewksbury Elks club.

Bob will be sadly missed for his guidance, his smile and of course his Boston humor.

Services will be held at Grace Memorial Gardens, 16931 US Highway 19, Hudson Fl. 34667 on April 29 from 12 - 2 p.m. A "Celebration of Life" will be held immediately following the service at Heritage Pines Country Club from 2 - 4 p.m.

A second "Celebration of Life" will be held in Massachusetts at the Wilmington/Tewksbury Elks Lodge located at 777 South St, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on Saturday May 11, 2024 from 1 - 5 p.m.

In Lieu of flowers, donations in Bob's honor can be made to Gulfside Hospice, 6630 Kentucky Ave, New Port Richey, Fl 34653.

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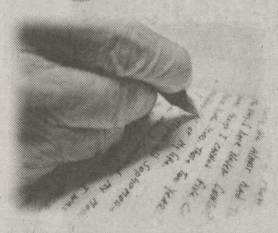

Letters to the editor

Annual Town Meeting coming up on May 4

Dear residents,

This is a friendly reminder of our upcoming May 4 annual Town Meeting beginning at 9 a.m. at the WHS Auditorium. We are counting on you to help us shape our town.

Did you know that the Town of Wilmington's legislative body is our Open Town Meeting? It's up to the residents of Wilmington to make decisions on budgets, capital projects, zoning articles and other business from year to year. These decisions are made at Town Meeting.

Annually, a warrant document is issued containing all of the items to be voted on by residents at Town Meeting. This year's warrant can be viewed at *https://www.wilmingtonma.gov/town-meeting* where you can also find more information about this year's meeting.

Want to learn more about Town Meeting? Check out a video from Town Moderator Eaton — watch video at *https://drive.google.com/file/d/1OUIJZO4EAWpvG2j2WM7Wqy8ENGMoaqkt/view?pli=1*

Need childcare assistance for the meeting? The Wilmington Public School District will be providing childcare (from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.) for children in grades PreK through grade 6 so town residents can attend the meeting. Sign-ups will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Space will be limited to maintain an appropriate childcare provider-to-child ratio.

Pre-registration is required. Deadline to sign up is 5 p.m. on Wednesday, May 1, 2024.

Of special note: If registering more than one child, please fill this form out for each child needing care)

Sign up at *https://forms.gle/FEwKA6cY2steE7da6*

We hope you can attend our May 4 annual Town Meeting at 9 a.m. at the high school.

Thank you,
Town of Wilmington

Upcoming local events

April 20, Friends of the Elderly Pasta Dinner, 3-6 p.m., Tewksbury Senior Center, $10 pp includes pasta with sauce and meatballs, salad, bread, coffee/tea/soda. Walk-ins welcome. Raffle baskets, 50/50. Dine out and support the Friends of the Elderly!

April 23, Friends of the Library Wine Tasting, 6-8 p.m., Oakdale One Stop Liquors, $15 prepaid, $20 at the door. Help support the Friends! *friendstplibrary@gmail.com*

April 25-27, The Addams Family, presented by the TMHS Theater Company. Shows are April 25 - 7 p.m., April 26 - 7 p.m., April 27 - 2 and 7 p.m. Tickets $10 at *showtix4u.com*.

April 26-28, Art in Bloom, Tewksbury Public Library hosts the Garden Club, Friday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Saturday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Sunday 1 - 4 p.m. Free over 30 interpretations of books and artwork by Piecemakers, Tewksbury Garden Club, TMHS Art Students, Tewksbury Historical Society, and more. *Tewksburypl.org*

April 27 at 7:30 p.m. and **April 28** at 4 p.m., Ipswich River Chorus, Seasons Concert, Union Congregational Church, 148 Haverhill St., North Reading, IRCC children's choir will also be performing a few fun pieces. Tickets (Adults $20, Age 6-18 $15, Ages 5 and under free) available at *ipswich-river-community-chorus.ticketleap.com* or *ipswichrivercommunitychorus.org*

May 4, Annual Spring Town Clean Up, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Pick up bags at town hall. Special services: Paper Shredding/Electronics Recycling/Tire Collection at DPW 9 a.m. - 12 p.m., Food Pantry Donation/Clothing Donation/MSPCA Donation all at DPW 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Community Service Hours available. E-mail: *clean.up.tewksbury@gmail.com* with questions. Flyer on town website.

May 6, Annual Town Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Tewksbury Memorial High School. View the warrant at *www.tewksbury-ma.gov* Click View All News.

May 8, Special Town Meeting, 7 p.m., Tewksbury Memorial High School. View the warrant at *www.tewksbury-ma.gov* Click View All News.

May 22, Learn about the Lions Club, TJ Callahans, 7 p.m.

June 8, 2024, Tewksbury Historical Society Annual Meeting, 1 p.m. at Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main St.

Thursdays and Saturdays, Public Health Museum, 365 East St., Open for indoor and campus tours. *Publichealthmuseum.org*

Book Store Next Door, **Wednesdays and Saturdays**, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. The Book Store is staffed by volunteers from the Friends of the Wilmington Public Library. All proceeds help support library programs. Next to Wilmington Public Library.

Sundays, Lowell Streetcar Museum, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., Adults $3, seniors and youth age 3-12 $2, children under 3 are free. Cash only. 25 Shattuck St., Lowell.

Wilmington Town Museum, **Tuesdays and Thursdays**, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., Harnden Tavern, 430 Salem St. (Rt. 62), Wilmington

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Biden-Harris Admin. finalizes national drinking water standard

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Biden-Harris Administration issued the first-ever national, legally enforceable drinking water standard to protect communities from exposure to harmful per-and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), also known as 'forever chemicals.' Exposure to PFAS has been linked to deadly cancers, impacts to the liver and heart, and immune and developmental damage to infants and children. This final rule represents the most significant step to protect public health under EPA's PFAS Strategic Roadmap.

The final rule will reduce PFAS exposure for approximately 100 million people, prevent thousands of deaths, and reduce tens of thousands of serious illnesses. The announcement complements President Biden's government-wide action plan to combat PFAS pollution.

Through President Biden's Investing in America agenda, EPA is also making unprecedented funding available to help ensure that all people have clean and safe water. In addition to the final rule, EPA is announcing nearly $1 billion in newly available funding through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to help states and territories implement PFAS testing and treatment at public water systems and to help owners of private wells address PFAS contamination.

This is part of a $9 billion investment through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to help communities with drinking water impacted by PFAS and other emerging contaminants — the largest-ever investment in tackling PFAS pollution. An additional $12 billion is available through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law for general drinking water improvements, including addressing emerging contaminants like PFAS.

"Drinking water contaminated with PFAS has plagued communities across this country for too long," said EPA Administrator Michael S. Regan. "That is why President Biden has made tackling PFAS a top priority, investing historic resources to address these harmful chemicals and protect communities nationwide. Our PFAS Strategic Roadmap marshals the full breadth of EPA's authority and resources to protect people from these harmful forever chemicals. Today, I am proud to finalize this critical piece of our Roadmap, and in doing so, save thousands of lives and help ensure our children grow up healthier."

"President Biden believes that everyone deserves access to clean, safe drinking water, and he is delivering on that promise," said Brenda Mallory, Chair of the White House Council on Environmental Quality. "The first national drinking water standards for PFAS marks a significant step towards delivering on the Biden-Harris Administration's commitment to advancing environmental justice, protecting communities, and securing clean water for people across the country."

"Under President Biden's leadership, we are taking a whole-of-government approach to tackle PFAS pollution and ensure that all Americans have access to clean, safe drinking water. Today's announcement by EPA complements these efforts and will help keep our communities safe from these toxic 'forever chemicals,'" said Deputy Assistant to the President for the Cancer Moonshot, Dr. Danielle Carnival. "Coupled with the additional $1 billion investment from President Biden's Investing in America agenda to help communities address PFAS pollution, the reductions in exposure to toxic substances delivered by EPA's standards will further the Biden Cancer Moonshot goal of reducing the cancer death rate by at least half by 2047 and preventing more than four million cancer deaths — and stopping cancer before it starts by protecting communities from known risks associated with exposure to PFAS and other contaminants, including kidney and testicular cancers, and more."

EPA is taking a signature step to protect public health by establishing legally enforceable levels for several PFAS known to occur individually and as mixtures in drinking water. This rule sets limits for five individual PFAS: PFOA, PFOS, PFNA, PFHxS, and HFPO-DA (also known as "GenX Chemicals"). The rule also sets a limit for mixtures of any two or more of four PFAS: PFNA, PFHxS, PFBS, and "GenX chemicals." By reducing exposure to PFAS, this final rule will prevent thousands of premature deaths, tens of thousands of serious illnesses, including certain cancers and liver and heart impacts in adults, and immune and developmental impacts to infants and children.

This final rule advances President Biden's commitment to ending cancer as we know it as part of the Biden Cancer Moonshot, to ensuring that all Americans have access to clean, safe, drinking water, and to furthering the Biden-Harris Administration's commitment to environmental justice by protecting communities that are most exposed to toxic chemicals.

EPA estimates that between about 6% and 10% of the 66,000 public drinking water systems subject to this rule may have to take action to reduce PFAS to meet these new standards. All public water systems have three years to complete their initial monitoring for these chemicals. They must inform the public of the level of PFAS measured in their drinking water. Where PFAS is found at levels that exceed these standards, systems must implement solutions to reduce PFAS in their drinking water within five years.

The new limits in this rule are achievable using a range of available technologies and approaches including granular activated carbon, reverse osmosis, and ion exchange systems. For example, the Cape Fear Public Utility Authority, serving Wilmington, NC — one of the communities most heavily impacted by PFAS contamination — has effectively deployed a granular activated carbon system to remove PFAS regulated by this rule. Drinking water systems will have flexibility to determine the best solution for their community.

EPA will be working closely with state co-regulators in supporting water systems and local officials to implement this rule. In the coming weeks, EPA will host a series of webinars to provide information to the public, communities, and water utilities about the final PFAS drinking water regulation. To learn more about the webinars, please visit EPA's PFAS drinking water regulation webpage. EPA has also published a toolkit of communications resources to help drinking water systems and community leaders educate the public about PFAS, where they come from, their health risks, how to reduce exposure, and about this rule.

"We are thankful that Administrator Regan and the Biden Administration are taking this action to protect drinking water in North Carolina and across the country," said North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper. "We asked for this because we know science-based standards for PFAS and other compounds are desperately needed."

"For decades, the American people have been exposed to the family of incredibly toxic 'forever chemicals' known as PFAS with no protection from their government. Those chemicals now contaminate virtually all Americans from birth. That's because for generations, PFAS chemicals slid off of every federal environmental law like a fried egg off a Teflon pan — until Joe Biden came along," said Environmental Working Group President and Co-Founder Ken Cook. "We commend EPA Administrator Michael Regan for his tireless leadership to make this decision a reality, and CEQ Chair Brenda Mallory for making sure PFAS is tackled with the 'whole of government' approach President Biden promised. There is much work yet to be done to end PFAS pollution. The fact that the EPA has adopted the very strong policy announced today should give everyone confidence that the Biden administration will stay the course and keep the president's promises, until the American people are protected, at long last, from the scourge of PFAS pollution."

"We learned about GenX and other PFAS in our tap water six years ago. I raised my children on this water and watched loved ones suffer from rare or recurrent cancers. No one should ever worry if their tap water will make them sick or give them cancer. I'm grateful the Biden EPA heard our pleas and kept its promise to the American people. We will keep fighting until all exposures to PFAS end and the chemical companies responsible for business-related human rights abuses are held fully accountable," said Emily Donovan, co-founder of Clean Cape Fear.

Book Stew Review

'The Hunter' by Tana French

By EILEEN MACDOUGALL

If this isn't a well-nigh perfectly plotted mystery, I will take Mart Lavin's scraggly orange bucket hat from the head of Cal Hooper's scarecrow and eat it.

French creates the perfect sequel to her 2020 novel "The Searcher," featuring retired and transplanted Chicago cop Cal Hooper, sometimes with and sometimes against, his neighbors in rural Ardnakelty in the west of Ireland.

When Johnny, the ne'er-do-well father of his teenage protege Trey shows up after years of absence, Cal smells a rat and a rat's scheme to unearth hidden gold.

The supporting cast of Cal's pubmates, his girlfriend Lena, Trey's family, a Dublin policeman, and even three beagles and two rooks, and the mountain setting, during a fierce drought, are completely absorbing.

This writer knows how to unwind a plot, how to go light on the red herrings, and how to check off every box for those who appreciate suspense, mystery, and domestic thrillers.

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OBITUARIES

Dr. Paul Joseph Mahoney II

Passionate about those on the autism spectrum

It is with profound sorrow that the Mahoney family announces the unexpected passing of Dr. Paul Joseph Mahoney II, aged 44, of Wilton, NH. Paul passed away suddenly on March 30, 2024 due to heart failure.

He was born in Boston on May 6, 1979, the eldest child of Paul and Marion (Hartley) Mahoney.

Paul is survived by his wife, Emily (Butt) Mahoney and their son Simon; mother, Marion Mahoney; brother Michael Mahoney and wife Colleen; sister Liane (Mahoney) Ciulla and husband Jay; nephews Henry and Leo; and nieces Sophia, Rose, and Molly.

Paul was raised in Wilmington where he attended Wilmington High School, a member of the class of 1997. Paul was a proud Boston College Eagle, graduating in 2002, and went on to earn multiple advanced degrees, culminating in a Ph.D. in Applied Behavior Analysis from Endicott College.

Paul was passionate about the care of and advocacy for individuals with autism spectrum disorders and complex clinical needs, and he cherished the many relationships he built during his tenures at the New England Center for Children, Canton Public Schools, Vinfen Corp, and Amego, Inc. To the individuals that Paul served: Paul loved you.

Paul had a brilliant mind and was always the smartest person in the room, no matter the company. He was a natural at everything he did and could pick up complex new skills and hobbies, like flying a helicopter, with casual ease.

Paul was a talented singer with a unique countertenor vocal range. He loved music, especially music with a lot of harmony, and sang in several barbershop quartets and ensembles.

From the day of Simon's birth, Paul's greatest pleasure was singing to his son, and Paul's voice quickly became Simon's favorite sound. An enthusiast of Irish folk music, Paul revived his skills at playing the flute and tin whistle to play his favorite songs for Simon.

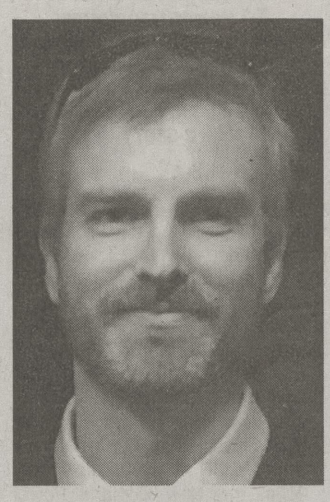
He enjoyed skiing and tolerated hiking. He was no great sports fan but enjoyed being an NCAA baseball umpire; when he did watch sports, he was more interested in the officiating than the gameplay.

Paul was a fan of horror films and was absolutely tickled that his son was born on Friday the 13th.

An avid reader and audiobook listener, Paul's library was immense, and not limited to the English language; Paul spoke both French and German.

He loved to cook and continually refine his recipes. Nothing but African food was spicy enough for his palate, so he took matters into his own hands and became a gardener to grow his own peppers for homemade hot sauce.

It is impossible to remark on Paul's qualities without mention of his sense of humor, which he employed 24 hours a day.



No topic was too serious for Paul to laugh at. He'd probably be disappointed that this obituary is referring to his "passing" and not something more flippant, like his "demise," "expiration" or "termination."

He had a joke, a quote, a silly voice, an impression, a song, or a cultural reference to lighten every occasion. Simon is well on his way to being just like dad, as he already thinks everything is funny.

Above all of this, Paul was kind. A generous spirit, he shared his skills, knowledge, time, and abilities freely and with alacrity. He had a habit of encountering wandering pets and disabled motorists and was more than happy to render aid.

Paul was a Mason and loved participating in the many charitable endeavors of the Bethel-Souhegan Lodge. He spent hours listening to podcasts and audiobooks about Freemasonry and becoming a better man.

He did not need this coaching though; he was already a better man than he knew. Paul embraced fatherhood with unwavering dedication, and none of his many pursuits gave him as much joy as being Simon's dad. He couldn't wait to teach Simon to play music, feed Simon his first ice cream cone, watch Emmet Otter's Jug-Band Christmas with Simon, take Simon skiing at Jay Peak, and just nurture Simon's growth and development.

As for Emily, to be peas in a pod with Paul has been a privilege and a gift. Their connection will never be replicated. It is a rare thing to experience the kind of love, devotion, friendship, and partnership that came with being married to Paul. Paul was the best husband, the best father, and the best friend.

Visiting hours will be held at Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave., (Rt. 62), Wilmington, MA 01887 on Sunday April 28, 2024, from 2 - 5 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Paul's name to Amego, Inc. *https://www.amegoinc.org/give-now*

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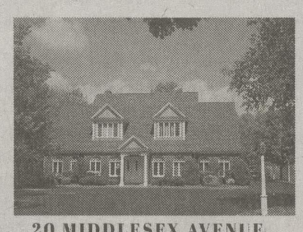
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Joan E. (Cassella) Roketenetz

Loved cooking for family dinners

Joan E. (Cassella) Roketenetz, age 74, a long-time resident of Wilmington, passed away peacefully on April 8, 2024.

Joan was born on April 13, 1949, in Arlington; she was the dear daughter of the late Salvator and Pauline (Luongo) Cassella. Joan was raised and educated in Lexington and was a graduate of Lexington High School with the class of 1967.

Joan met the "love of her life" Andrew Roketenetz; the couple were soon inseparable, and they married in 1968.

Joan and Andrew moved to Wilmington in 1969 where they made their forever home and raised two wonderful children, Andrew Jr. and Lisa. Joan was very devoted to her family; she showered them with unconditional love and support and always encouraged them to do their best.

When Joan became a "Grammy" to her three beautiful grandchildren, Madison, Emily, and Dylan, her world became even brighter, and she just adored those kids. Joan treasured the time she spent with her grandchildren; she looked forward to their many trips to Santa's Village and Disney World where everyone had a great time, and countless memories were made.

Joan loved cooking up a storm for Sunday family dinners and she always made every holiday magical and special for her family.

Joan loved her home; she was an impeccable housekeeper, and she was always out and about in her yard. Joan's lawn was better than a golf course and she created beautiful gardens throughout her yard.

Joan's door was always open to family and friends; she always made everyone feel welcomed and loved.

In her spare time, Joan enjoyed going to classic car shows with her husband Andrew, taking trips to Foxwoods and hitting the casinos just to "try their luck."

Joan will be fondly remembered as a beautiful lady inside and out; she had a heart of gold and loved her family with all her heart. Joan will forever be loved and missed by all who knew her.

Joan was the beloved wife of the late Andrew P. Roketenetz, devoted mother of Andrew P. Roketenetz, Jr. and his fiancé Jean Sargent and Lisa Grace and her husband John all of Wilmington.

Loving "Grammy" of Madison, Emily, and Dylan Grace, dear daughter of the late Salvator and Pauline (Luongo) Cassella. Joan was also special to Jean's daughter Leah of Wilmington, and she is further survived by her cherished dog Abby.

Family and friends gathered for Visiting Hours at the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave. (Rt. 62), Wilmington, on Friday, April 12 from 5 - 7 p.m. Services to Celebrate

Joan's life took place at the Funeral Home on Saturday, April 13 at 11 a.m. followed by her interment in Wildwood Cemetery, Wilmington.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Joan's memory may be made to High Pointe Hospice House, 360 North Ave., Haverhill, MA 01830.

To leave a message of condolence for the family please visit our website at *www.nicholsfuneralhome.com*

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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
Saturday, May 4, 2024
9:00 a.m.
Wilmington High School
Joanne M. Benton Auditorium

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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON
PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on May 7, 2024 at 8:05 p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA for a Site Plan Review #24-06, Stormwater Management Permit #24-06, and Groundwater Protection District Special Permit #24-04 plan entitled, "Office Campus Reuse, Life Science/Biomanufacturing Conversion, 181-187 Ballardvale Street, Wilmington, MA"; dated January 10, 2024, prepared by Douglas J. Hartnett, P.E., Highpoint Engineering, Inc., Dedham Executive Center, 980 Washington Street, Suite 216, Dedham, MA 02026. The application is for the construction of a two-story (66,100 gsf) research and development building, with associated stormwater utilities. Said property is located at 181 & 187 Ballardvale Street and shown on Assessor's Map R2 Parcels 20A & 20G.

A copy of the plan is on file at the Planning & Conservation Department and may be inspected during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Any person interested, or wishing to be heard on the proposed plan, should appear at the time and place designated.

Terence Boland, Chair
Wilmington Planning Board

240423 4/17,24/24

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON
PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on May 7, 2024 at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA for a Sign Special Permit #24-04 plan dated February 1, 2024, prepared by Spectrum Signs & Graphics, 97 Eddy Road, Manchester, NH 03102. The application is for the installation of a 40 sq. ft. wall sign. Said property is located at 196 Ballardvale Street and shown on Assessor's Map R2 Parcel 7E.

A copy of the plan is on file at the Planning & Conservation Department and may be inspected during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Any person interested, or wishing to be heard on the proposed plan, should appear at the time and place designated.

Terence Boland, Chair
Wilmington Planning Board

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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON
PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on May 7, 2024 at 7:35 p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA for a Site Plan Review #24-09, Stormwater Management Permit #24-07, and Groundwater Protection District Special Permit #24-05, plan entitled, "Site Development Plans for 271 Main Street, Wilmington, MA"; dated January 9, 2024, prepared by Brandon G. Li, P.E., Kelly Engineering Group, 0 Campanelli Drive, Braintree, MA 02184. The application is for the redevelopment of the site to construct a new 25,989 sq. ft. building with associated stormwater utilities, parking, and landscaping. Said property is located at 271 Main Street and shown on Assessor's Map 43 Parcel 4.

A copy of the plan is on file at the Planning & Conservation Department and may be inspected during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Any person interested, or wishing to be heard on the proposed plan, should appear at the time and place designated.

Terence Boland, Chair
Wilmington Planning Board

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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON
PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on May 7, 2024 at 7:45 p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA for a Site Plan Review #24-10 and Stormwater Management Permit #24-08, and Groundwater Protection District Special Permit #24-06, plan entitled, "Site Plan Set, 619 Main Street/RTE. 38, Wilmington, MA"; dated February 2, 2024, prepared by Peter M. Blaisdell, Jr., P.E., Williams & Sparages, 189 North Main Street, Suite 101, Middleton, MA 01949. The application is for parking lot and stormwater improvements as well as utilities. Said property is located at 619 Main Street and shown on Assessor's Map 40 Parcel 2B.

A copy of the plan is on file at the Planning & Conservation Department and may be inspected during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Any person interested, or wishing to be heard on the proposed plan, should appear at the time and place designated.

Terence Boland, Chair
Wilmington Planning Board

240422 4/17,24/24

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON
PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on May 7, 2024 at 8:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA for a Site Plan Review #24-08, plan entitled, "Site Number: MA3599, Site Name: Wilmington Waltham Street"; dated August 23, 2022, last revised November 29, 2022, TEP Northeast, 45 Beechwood Drive, North Andover, MA 01845. The application is for the installation of new telecommunications equipment, including twelve (12) antennas, nine (9) RRH's, and a diesel generator. Said property is located at 6 Waltham Street and shown on Assessor's Map 79 Parcel 31D.

A copy of the plan is on file at the Planning & Conservation Department and may be inspected during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Any person interested, or wishing to be heard on the proposed plan, should appear at the time and place designated.

Terence Boland, Chair
Wilmington Planning Board

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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON
PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on May 7, 2024 at 8:25 p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA for a Site Plan Review #24-07, plan entitled, "Site Number: MAL03119, Site Name: Wilmington Nassau Avenue"; dated December 19, 2022, last revised March 7, 2024, prepared by Daniel P. Hamm, P.E., TEP Northeast, 45 Beechwood Drive, North Andover, MA 01845. The application is for the installation of new telecommunications equipment, including nine (9) antennas and six (6) RRUs. Said property is located at 36 Nassau Avenue and shown on Assessor's Map 31 Parcel 59.

A copy of the plan is on file at the Planning & Conservation Department and may be inspected during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Any person interested, or wishing to be heard on the proposed plan, should appear at the time and place designated.

Terence Boland, Chair
Wilmington Planning Board

240424 4/17,24/24

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON
MASSACHUSETTS

INVITATION FOR BIDS

ROOF REPLACEMENT
PROJECT
HARNDEN TAVERN
CARRIAGE HOUSE
WILMINGTON

Sealed bids for furnishing the following item will be received at the Office of the Town Manager, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA 01887, until the time specified below at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read:

ITEM: Roof Replacement Project, Harnden Tavern Carriage House
BID OPENING: May 1, 2024 @ 10:00 AM

Each Bid must be accompanied by a bid security consisting of a BID BOND, CASH or CERTIFIED CHECK issued by a responsible bank or trust company in the amount of 5% of the bid price.

Specifications and bid forms may be obtained electronically by visiting the Town of Wilmington website (http://www.wilmingtonma.gov/purchasing-department). Only after subscribing electronically, hard copies of the documents may be obtained from the **SOCOTEC AE Consultants, LLC, 75 Hood Park Drive, Suite 300, Charlestown, MA 02129, 781-273-1537 x20**, for a non-refundable fee of $100, plus $35 for mailing (checks shall be made payable to Socotec AE Consulting, LLC.).

Pre-Bid Conference and Site Visit will be held at the Harnden Tavern, 430 Salem St, Wilmington, MA on Wednesday, April 24, 2024, at 11:00 AM.

A payment (labor and materials) bond in an amount equal to 50 percent of the total amount of the contract price with a surety company qualified to do business in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts will be required.

All bids for this project are subject to applicable public bidding laws of Massachusetts, including G.L. c.30, § §39M, as amended.

Attention is directed to the minimum wage rates to be paid as determined by the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development and the weekly payroll record submittal requirements under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 149, Section 26 through 27D inclusive.

Selection of the contractor will be based upon bidder qualifications, including evidence of past performance in similar projects, and bid price. The contract will be awarded to the bidder deemed by the awarding authority to be the lowest responsible and eligible bidder.

The bidder agrees that its bid shall be good and may not be withdrawn for a period of 30 days, Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays excluded, after the opening of the bids.

The Town reserves the right to waive any informalities, to accept or reject, in whole or in part any or all bids, or take whatever other action may be deemed to be in the best interest of the Town.

The Town of Wilmington
By: Lou Cimaglia, IV
Temporary Town Manager

240413 4/17/24

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY PLANNING BOARD

PUBLIC HEARING

SIGN SPECIAL PERMIT

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **April 29, 2024 at 7:00 PM** in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by Catalano Management, LLC on behalf of Kovacs Jacqueline Trust c/o Double Jelly Donuts MA, LLC for a Sign Special Permit pursuant to Section 6.2 of the Tewksbury Zoning Bylaw to install a pylon sign with electronic menu message board as shown on plans filed with this Board.

Said property is located at 1973 Main Street, Assessor's Map 84, Lot 62, zoned Mixed Use Business.

The application may be examined on the Planning Board webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org.

Stephen Johnson, Chairman

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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY PLANNING BOARD

PUBLIC HEARING

MODIFICATION TO SPECIAL PERMIT (SP2020-07)

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **April 29, 2024 at 7:00 P.M.** in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by Andover North Estates, LLC for a Modification to Special Permit (SP 2020-07) to request to incorporate changes made to the landscaping, site plan layout, and impervious surfaces as shown on plans filed with this Board.

Said property is located at 1563 Andover Street, Assessor's Map 39, Lot 45, zoned Mixed Use Business.

The application may be examined on the Planning Board webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org.

Stephen Johnson, Chairman

240342 4/10,17/24

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PHASE I INITIAL SITE INVESTIGATION AND TIER II CLASSIFICATION

Non-PCB Mineral Oil Dielectric Fluid Release T-1 Power Transformer, Tewksbury No. 59 Substation 1470 Shawsheen Street Tewksbury, Massachusetts Release Tracking Number 3-38071

A release of oil and/or hazardous materials has occurred at this location, which is a disposal site as defined by M.G.L. c. 21E, § 2 and the Massachusetts Contingency Plan, 310 CMR 40.0000. To evaluate the release, a Phase I Initial Site Investigation was performed pursuant to 310 CMR 40.0480. As a result of this investigation, the site has been classified as Tier II pursuant to 310 CMR 40.0500. On April 5, 2024, the New England Power Company filed a Tier Classification Submittal with the Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP). To obtain more information on this disposal site, please contact Brian F. Klingler, PG, LSP, Coneco Engineers & Scientists, Incorporated, 4 First Street, Bridgewater, Massachusetts, 02324, (508) 697-3191.

The Tier Classification Submittal and the disposal site file can be reviewed at MassDEP Northeast Regional Office, 150 Presidential Way, Woburn, Massachusetts 01801, 978-694-3200.

Additional public involvement opportunities are available under 310 CMR 40.1403(9) and 310 CMR 40.1404.

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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on **April 25 2024,** at **6:30 P.M.** in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by **Michele J. Da Silva-Martins,** for a variance under Section 5.3.2 of the Tewksbury Zoning Bylaw, for a side setback to construct a 6' x 12' side porch with roof as shown on plans filed with this Board.

Said property is located at **19 Regis Road,** Assessor's Map 103, Lot 15 zoned Residential.

The application may be examined on the Zoning Board of Appeals webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org

Nancy Rego, Chair

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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on **April 25 2024,** at **6:30 P.M.** in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by **Marie Boisvert on behalf of Christine Waddell & Bruce Murphy,** for request for repetition under Section 16 of MGL 40A & a variance under Section 5.3.2 of the Tewksbury Zoning Bylaw, for side setbacks to construct a mudroom with 14.6'x6' farmers porch as shown on plans filed with this Board.

Said property is located at **1558 Whipple Road,** Assessor's Map 56, Lot 189 zoned Residential.

The application may be examined on the Zoning Board of Appeals webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org

Nancy Rego, Chair

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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on **April 25 2024,** at **6:30 P.M.** in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by **John J. McKenna on behalf of Mangano Homes c/o David Sawyer,** for a variance under Section 5.3.2 of the Tewksbury Zoning Bylaw, for front setbacks to build a new 26' x 36' single family home with attached 12' x 16' deck as shown on plans filed with this Board.

Said property is located at **129 Marshall Street,** Assessor's Map 33, Lot 10 zoned Residential.

The application may be examined on the Zoning Board of Appeals webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org

Nancy Rego, Chair

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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY, MASSACHUSETTS FACILITIES AND GROUNDS TOWN FACILITY HVAC SERVICES CONTRACT

SECTION 00100

INVITATION TO BID

Sealed Bids for TOWN FACILITY HEATING, VENTILATION and AIR CONDITIONING (HVAC) SERVICES will be received by the Town of Tewksbury at Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876, **until 11:00 A.M., Friday, May 10, 2024,** at that time and place Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The Work of this contract shall consist of routine and emergency Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) maintenance services, at various Town facilities between July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025. The contract duration is for one (1) year with an option to renew for an additional two (2) years at the Town's discretion.

Contract Documents are available for examination at the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 after 8:00 A.M. on Thursday, April 18, 2024. You may receive a copy of the contract by calling 978- 640-4300 or by email aryan@tewksbury-ma.gov.

Each Bid shall be submitted in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders and shall be accompanied by a Bid Security in form of a certified check, cashier's check, or security bond in the amount of five (5) percent of the Bid.

Bidders may not withdraw their Bids for a period of forty-five (45) days, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays, after the actual date of the opening of the Bids. Complete instructions for filing Bids are included in the Instructions to Bidders.

Prevailing Wage Rates as determined by the Commissioner of the Department of Labor and Workforce Development under the provision of the M.G.L. c. 149, §§ 26 to 270, as amended, apply to this project. It is the responsibility of the Contractor, before Bid opening, to request, if necessary, any additional information on Prevailing Wage Rates for those trades who may be employed for the proposed work under this Contract.

The Bidding and Award of this Contract will be pursuant to M.G.L. c. 149, sec 44A-M. The Owner reserves the right, in its absolute and sole discretion, to waive any informality in or to reject any or all Bids if deemed to be in its best interest.

RICHARD A. MONTUORI
TOWN MANAGER
TEWKSBURY,
MASSACHUSETTS

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LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Middlesex Probate and Family Court 10-U Commerce Way Woburn, MA 01801 (781) 865-4000

CITATION ON PETITION FOR ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENT

Docket No. MI21P1440EA

Estate of: Daniel J Gillis, Jr. Date of Death: 01/19/2021

A Petition for **Order of Complete Settlement** has been filed by **Linda M Burns-Allen** of **Beverly MA** requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a final account and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this court before **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 05/02/2024.**

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

WITNESS, Hon. Terri L. Klug Cafazzo, First Justice of this Court.

Date: April 04, 2024

Tara E. DeCristofaro,
Register of Probate

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LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Middlesex Probate and Family Court 10-U Commerce Way Woburn, MA 01801 (781) 865-4000

CITATION ON PETITION FOR ALLOWANCE OF ACCOUNT

Docket No. MI21P1440EA

In the matter of: Daniel J Gillis, Jr. Date of Death: 01/19/2021

To all interested persons:

A Petition has been filed by: **Linda M. Burns-Allen** of **Beverly MA** requesting allowance of the SPR's 1st and Final account(s) as Personal Representative and any other relief as requested in the Petition.

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before **10:00 a.m. on 05/02/2024.**

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

WITNESS, Hon. Terri L. Klug Cafazzo, First Justice of this Court.

Date: April 04, 2024

Tara E. DeCristofaro,
Register of Probate

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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY, MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Sealed Bids for **FY 2024 SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS CHANDLER STREET AND PLEASANT STREET – CONTRACT, PW-24-06,** will be received by the Town of Tewksbury at the Department of Public Works, 999 Whipple Road, Tewksbury, MA 01876, **until 2:00 p.m., on Thursday, May 2, 2024,** at that time and place Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. MassDOT prequalification of contractors with the class of work as, Highway-Sidewalk and Curbing, for the project with an estimated value of $462,450 will be required. Contract Documents are available after 2:00 p.m. local time on Wednesday, April 10, 2024 by going to www.projectdog.com, entering Project Code Number 861396 in the project locator box, and following the prompts to a free downloadable bid set. Contact www.projectdog.com or call 978-499-9014 for distribution questions. No monetary deposit is required to obtain the documents. Contract Documents may also be examined, but not obtained, at the DPW office during the following hours: 7:00 a.m.- 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on **April 25 2024,** at **6:30 P.M.** in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by **Daniel Horlander,** for a variance under Section 5.3.2 of the Tewksbury Zoning Bylaw, for a front setback to construct a 12' x 21' 2-story addition as shown on plans filed with this Board.

Said property is located at **65 Tew Mac Terrace,** Assessor's Map 82, Lot 145 zoned Residential.

The application may be examined on the Zoning Board of Appeals webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org

Nancy Rego, Chair

240379 4/10,17/24

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

MIDDLESEX DIVISION

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

Docket No. MI24P0942EA

Estate of: Norman H Johnson Also Known As: Norm Johnson Date of Death: January 22, 2024

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Lisa A Johnson** of **Tewksbury MA** a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Lisa A Johnson of **Tewksbury MA** has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

MIDDLESEX DIVISION

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

Docket No. MI24P0097EA

Estate of: Virginia E Ramsey Date of Death: December 4, 2023

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Roger W. Ramsey** of **Methuen MA** a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Roger W. Ramsey of **Methuen MA** has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Middlesex Probate and Family Court 10-U Commerce Way Woburn, MA 01801 (781) 865-4000

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Docket No. MI24P1078EA

Estate of: Melvin Joseph Cheney, IV Also known as: Melvin J. Cheney, IV Date of Death: 10/08/2023

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Edward F Cheney** of **Pelham NH** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Edward F Cheney** of **Pelham NH** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 05/09/2024.**

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Terri L. Klug Cafazzo, First Justice of this Court.

Date: April 11, 2024

Tara E. DeCristofaro,
Register of Probate

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LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Middlesex Probate and Family Court 10-U Commerce Way Woburn, MA 01801 (781) 865-4000

CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

Docket No. MI24C0268CA

In the matter of: Lauren Michelle McGuiggan

A **Petition to Change Name of Adult** has been filed by **Lauren Michelle McGuiggan** of **Wilmington MA** requesting that the court enter a formal Decree changing their name to: **Lauren Michelle McBride**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: **Middlesex Probate and Family Court** before **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 05/02/2024.**

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

WITNESS, Hon. Terri L. Klug Cafazzo, First Justice of this Court.

Date: April 04, 2024

Tara E. DeCristofaro,
Register of Probate

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LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

MIDDLESEX DIVISION

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

Docket No. MI24P1565EA

Estate of: John F. Gorman Date of Death: 08/21/2021

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Ann Marie O'Hara** of **Tewksbury MA** a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Ann Marie O'Hara of **Tewksbury MA** has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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IEP change already started to be implemented

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holder voice, collaboration, data-driven decision-making, and focus on using a profile. For example, she referenced that instead of asking for justification for non-participation, the form now asked what interventions were made.

There were specific questions about whether the child is vulnerable or a victim of bullying, if they are a multi-lingual learner, and more. The document is 16 pages in total.

She also said that the IEP meeting format will change related to the form. The purpose of the meeting will surround writing the IEP document and be less focused on the evaluation itself. They would check on parent comfort levels with the material and encourage them to look at the reports.

In this regard, she said that this change has already started to be implemented by teams and team chairs.

She went on to say that the district is hosting a parent information session with Allen Blume on June 11.

School Committee member M.J. Byrnes shared concern for the operational financial impact of implementing the new form and the time it takes to do so. Brown-LeGrand replied that the state provisions for professional development materials related to the new IEP would cover the cost for materials, training, books, and substitutes.

Byrnes continued that she wanted this decision to be well-educated. She said being held to the same standards with this new form would be moving the district backwards. She still felt concerned for meeting the timeline established by the state.

Brown-LeGrand stated that they were growing staff comfortability levels beyond just talking about the changes and moving into goals and objectives. She suggested that the IEP meetings would be less lengthy overtime as everyone becomes more familiar with the form.

Stephen Turner asked if there were any gaps between the old version and the new version of the form. Brown-LeGrand said that the changes to the document were all good changes and nothing was missing. The new form would prevent human error in filling it out.

Jay Samaha highlighted that the new form had better organization and would benefit families and teachers.

Jesse Fennelly asked what happens if the student doesn't participate or engage during the IEP meeting. Brown-LeGrand suggested the special education teachers know the students well enough to be able to answer some of the questions on the form if the student does not.

Chair David Ragsdale also shared concern with allowing teachers enough time to review the IEP at this length. However, he said that the changes in the form may make it clearer and easier to parse.

Byrnes lastly added that parent involvement in the building of the IEP is key and essential.

Com. to create statement on article

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the future of the building is unknown, although he said this was not a comment on the merits of the Richardson family. If the district wanted to name schools after people, he said that a position on this should first be decided.

He said he'd like to see a more official process to rename a school be created and then followed. He went on to say that the school is identified by its name, and it would be a big deal for everyone who works there and goes to school there if it is changed.

Samaha wondered if the committee was going to offer their opinion in this regard as residents or in their capacity as committee members.

Dr. Jenn Bryson proposed the committee draft a statement to clarify that the committee hadn't proposed or supported the article.

Byrnes stated that her preference was to be less confrontational and wait until Town Meeting to voice an opinion if any member so chooses. If they wanted to make an official statement on behalf of the School Committee, she suggested they vote to authorize the chair to do so.

Turner agreed that it would be beneficial to create a statement on behalf of the committee that isn't negative but just clarifies the facts and the committee's views on the article.

Ragsdale suggested that a statement be prepared and brought back before the committee for a vote at their next meeting. He asked the members to send their drafting suggestions to Tracy Ingersoll.

Bryson also wanted to see the Policy Subcommittee review the aforementioned policy which could lead the committee's response to this article.

Brand said that he would reach out to the temporary town manager to ask the questions posed by the committee relative to the process if the article is approved.

Rep. Moulton on Iran's attack on Israel

Congressman Seth Moulton (D-MA) issued the following statement after Iran launched hundreds of drones and missiles into Israel late last week.

"Last night, Iran risked sparking a catastrophic regional war when it launched an unprecedented series of direct, escalatory attacks on Israeli territory. Iran's evil regime murders its own people at home and innocents abroad, funding terrorist groups across the Middle East — from Hamas and Hezbollah to the Houthis and proxies in Iraq that have killed scores of U.S. troops.

"Due to the overwhelming superiority of Israel's missile defense systems and the decisive action of our troops and other allies nearby, the attack was defeated. But we can't run the risk of another one succeeding in the future. Congress must come together to support a robust national security supplemental that includes defensive munitions for Israel's Iron Dome and David's Sling.

"It is neither in America's national security interests, nor in Israel's, to escalate into a full regional war. As Israel weighs its next steps, it is critical that it remains focused on finishing its operations in Gaza and achieving a ceasefire-for-hostages deal — not on starting a new war while still having no endgame for their first.

"To my GOP colleagues in the House who are blaming President Biden for these attacks, your inaction is what is actually putting Israel's and our own national security at risk — just like you have done by holding up Ukraine funding. Speaker Johnson should listen to our allies rather than unpatriotic extremists and bring the Senate-passed aid bill to a vote. It shouldn't be hard for the Republican Party to support democracies like Israel, Ukraine, and Taiwan rather than catering to Russia, China, and insurrection-backing extremists in their own ranks."

Moulton is a Marine veteran who served four tours in Iraq. He sits on the House Armed Services Committee, the Select Committee on Strategic Competition with China, and the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.

14 classes scheduled for summer enrichment program

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dle School Drama Workshop, Elementary Drama Workshop, Intro to BBQ and Grilling (Ribs), Intro to BBQ and Grilling (Chicken), Chess, Music & Movement, Music & Dance, and Music & Drumming.

Bryson said that she saw this as a great way to get students to want to be in the high school building.

Ragsdale asked about the range in price for these classes, and Hackett mentioned they wanted to provide a pricing structure that would be affordable and allow a stipend for the teachers.

The only public comment that night came from resident Kevin Mac Donald. He asked the committee several questions, the main one being for the amount of money left over from the school budget last year that was moved into free cash.

Ragsdale merely stated that the School Committee does not respond to public comments, but the space is open for residents to express opinions and thoughts. He invited Mac Donald to email or call the committee members to get a response to his question.

In the revolving budget report, Director of Administration and Finance Paul Ruggiero said that he was confident all accounts would end the year in the black. He stated that revenues received can only be used to support the activities associated with that account and can't be moved for other initiatives.

The committee's next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 24 at 7 p.m.

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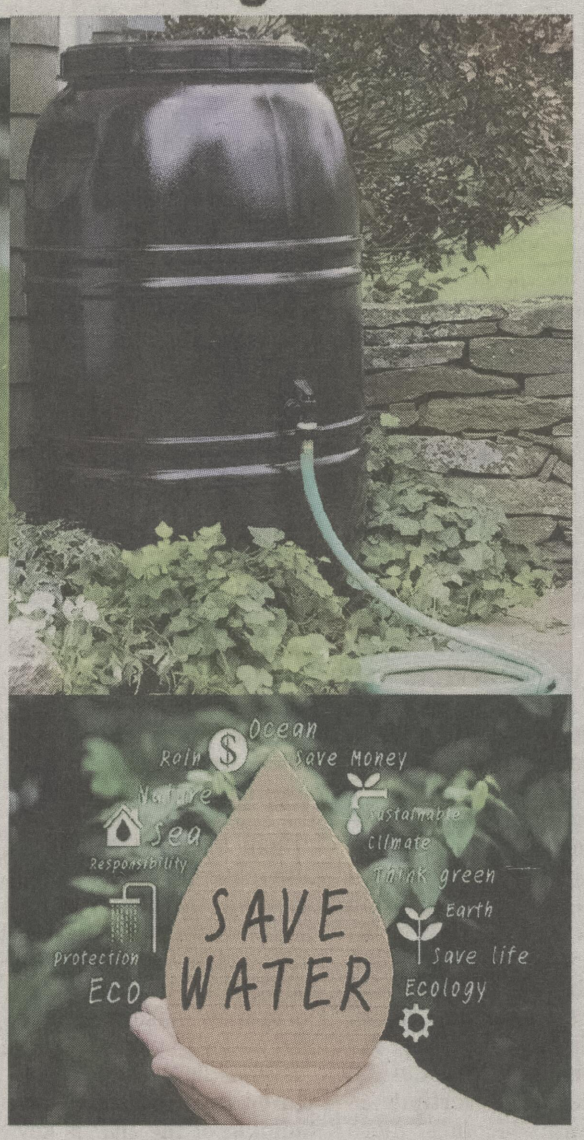

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This past summer, many communities reported several inches of rain within just a few hours. On August 8, more than 6 inches of rain fell on parts of Massachusetts. Drivers were stranded in their cars. There were hundreds of no swimming days at our beaches this summer. Heavy rains sent bacteria-laden stormwater into the ocean. By October 2, there had been only 5 rain-free weekends since Memorial Day. Presently, climate crisis is here to stay.

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Shawsheen Tech Alumni Assocation hosts anniversary celebration

BILLERICA — Calling all Rams! The Shawsheen Tech Alumni Association is excited to announce the grand celebration of Shawsheen's 50th anniversary. Alumni and their guests are invited to return to campus and join in commemorative festivities on Saturday, May 11, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

The event will host engaging activities and hopes to be a nostalgic experience. Participants can reminisce through guided building tours and reconnect with current and retired staff, as well as family and friends. As part of the celebration, guests will be treated to a traditional Shawsheen breakfast, prepared by our dedicated food service team in the cafeteria.

Proceeds from this occasion will go to Alumni Scholarships, ensuring continued support for the bright futures of upcoming generations of Rams.

Event Details:

Date: Saturday May 11, 2024

Time: 9 - 11 a.m.

Location: Shawsheen Valley Technical High School, 100 Cook St., Billerica

Admission: $10 per person, kids 12 and under are free

Tickets can be purchased via Eventbrite at *short-url.at/bfQY3*. Upon arrival, guests will be welcomed and checked in.

For any inquiries or concerns regarding the event, please reach out to Alumni Advisor Greg Bendel '02, at *gbendel@shawtech.org*.

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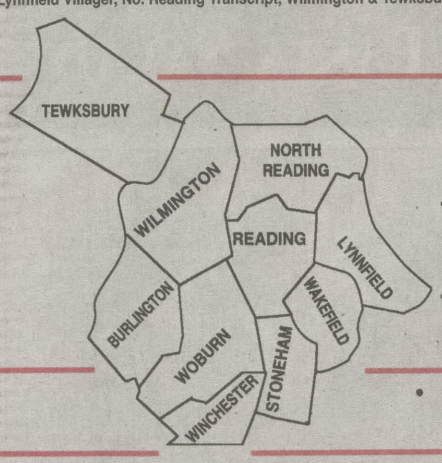

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HENRI "HENNY" GAGNON – Henri "Henny" Gagnon, 3, passed away during Easter weekend while in Germany with his family. Friends of the family set up a GoFundMe to help the family in their time of need. (Courtesy Photos)

Tragedy befalls Tewksbury family

By RYAN LaROCHE

Kacie Brown Gagnon was excited for the move to Germany. Her husband, Christian, just completed his PhD at Boston University in December of last year thanks to his dissertation, "The Evolutionary History and Adaptive Significance of UCP1-Mediated Thermogenesis in Primates."

The move to Germany, Leipzig to be exact, would culminate with Christian's Postdoctoral Fellowship in Dr. Genevieve Housman's lab at the Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology.

The couple, who spent the past five years living in Tewksbury, plus their two children, Water, 6, and Henri, 3, packed their (meager) belongings for the trip (the family "worked tirelessly in the months leading up to their departure to get rid of nearly all their belongings in preparation to move abroad," neighbor and friend Jennie Mayer said via email two weeks ago).

"We were so excited," Brown Gagnon said about the move to Europe and all the adventures they planned to go on.

Once they finished in Germany, they planned to return to Tewksbury. She said her and her husband fell completely in love with the area.

"It's where I want to live for the rest of my life," she told her husband, adding it felt the most like home.

Unfortunately, disaster struck. Their youngest child Henri, affectionately known as Henny, died after getting off a train on Easter Sunday. He reportedly fell

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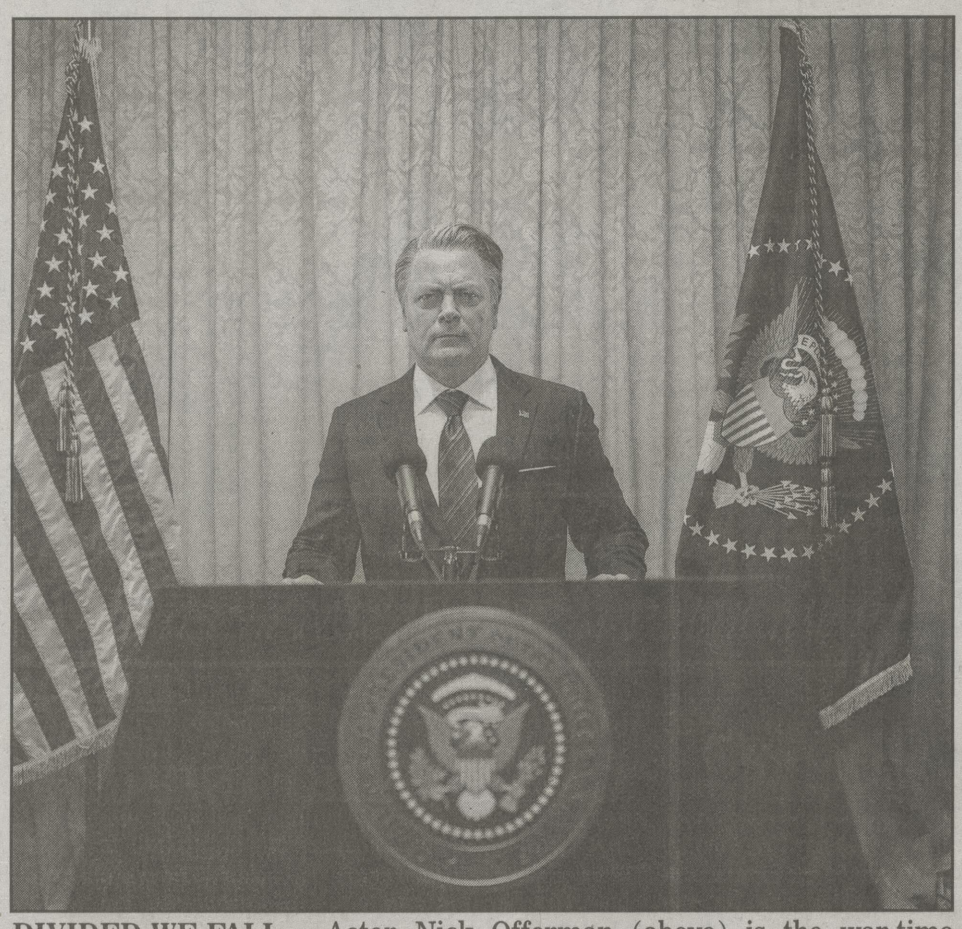
In 'Civil War,' journalists are America's last hope



DIVIDED WE FALL - Actor Nick Offerman (above) is the war-time president in a scene from "Civil War" released by A24. This haunting film is more about war reporters than anything else. (Murray Close/A24 via AP)

By LINDSEY BAHR
AP Film Writer

The United States is crumbling in Alex Garland's sharp new film " Civil War, " a bellowing and haunting big screen experience. The country has been at war with itself for years by the time we're invited in, through the gaze of a few journalists documenting the chaos on the front lines and chasing an impossible interview with the president.

Garland, the writer-director of films like "Annihilation" and "Ex Machina," as well as the series "Devs," always seems to have an eye on the ugliest sides of humanity and our capacity for self-destruction. His themes are profound and his exploration of them sincere in films that are imbued with strange and haunting images that rattle around in your subconscious for far too long. Whatever you think of " Men," his most divisive film to date, it's unlikely anyone will forget Rory Kinnear giving birth to himself.

In "Civil War," starring Kirsten Dunst as a veteran war photographer named Lee, Garland is challenging his audience once again by not making the film about what everyone thinks it will, or should, be about. Yes, it's a politically divided country. Yes, the President (Nick Offerman) is a blustery, rising despot who has given himself a third term, taken to attacking his citizens and shut himself off from the press. Yes, there is one terrifying character played by Jesse Plemons who has some pretty hard lines about who is and isn't a real American.

But that trailer that had everyone talking is not the story. Garland is not so dull or narratively conservative to make the film about red and blue ideologies. All we really know is that the so-called Western Forces of Texas and California have seceded from the country and are closing in to overthrow the government. We don't know what they want or why, or what the other side wants or why and you start to realize that many of the characters don't seem to really know, or care, either.

This choice might be frustrating to some audiences, but it's also the only one that makes sense in a film focused on the kinds of journalists who put themselves in harm's way to tell the story of violent conflicts and unrest. As Lee explains to Cailee Spaeny's Jessie, a young, aspiring photographer who has elbowed her way onto their dangerous journey to Washington, questions are not for her to ask: She takes truthful, impartial pictures so that everyone else can.

"Civil War" a film that is more about war reporters than anything else — the trauma of the beat, the vital importance of bearing witness and the moral and ethical dilemmas of impartiality. Dunst's Lee is having a bit of an existential crisis, having shot so many horrors and feeling as though she hasn't made any difference — violence and death are still everywhere. She's also a pro: Hardened and committed to the story and the image. Her colleague Joel (Wagner Moura) is more of an adrenaline junkie, chasing the gunfire and drinking himself into a stupor every night. There's Jessie (Spaeny), the wide-eyed but ambitious newbie who is in over her head, and the aging editor Sammy (the great Stephen McKinley Henderson), wise and buttoned up in Brooks Brothers and suspenders, who can't imagine a life outside of news even as his body is failing him. All are self-motivated and none of them have a life outside of the job, which might be a criticism for some movie characters but not here (trigger warning for any journo audiences out there).

The group must drive an indirect route to get from New York to Washington as safely as possible, through Pittsburgh and West Virginia. The roads and towns are set-dressed a little bit, but anyone who knows the area will recognize familiar sights of dead malls, creaky off-brand gas stations on two lane roads, boarded up shops and overgrown parking lots that all work to provide an unsettlingly effective backdrop for the bleak world of "Civil War."

Dunst and Spaeny are both exceedingly good in their roles, effectively embodying the veteran and the novice — a well-written, nuanced and evolving dynamic that should inspire post-credits debates and discussion (among other topics).

Dread permeates every frame, whether it's a quiet moment of smart conversation, a white-knuckle standoff or a deafening shootout on 17th street. And as with all Garland films it comes with a great, thoughtful soundtrack and a Sonoya Mizuno cameo.

Smart, compelling and challenging blockbusters don't come along that often, though this past year has had a relative embarrassment of riches with the likes of "Dune: Part Two" and "Oppenheimer." "Civil War" should be part of that conversation too. It's a full body theatrical experience that deserves a chance.

"Civil War," an A24 release in theaters Friday, is rated R by the Motion Picture Association for "strong, violent content, bloody/disturbing images and language throughout."

Running time: 119 minutes. Three stars out of four.

HomeNewsHere RECIPE

COBB PASTA SALAD

TURBO COBB - The beloved Cobb salad is revved up a notch by turning it into a delicious pasta salad! All the classic ingredients are here: chicken, bacon, blue cheese, hard-cooked eggs and more—all tossed together with a zingy dressing that keeps the flavors balanced. It makes for such a lovely dish that no one will ever guess it took only 25 minutes to toss together.

STEPS

1. Heat In 4-quart saucepan, cook pasta as directed on box; drain. Rinse with cold water; drain well.

2. In large bowl, stir together seasoning mix pouches, mayonnaise and lemon juice. Stir in cooked pasta.

3. Spread lettuce on large serving platter. Top with pasta mixture. Arrange remaining salad ingredients in rows over pasta.

EXPERT TIPS

Romaine lettuce has a crunchy texture that works well with the softer ingredients in this salad.

If you have diners that don't care for the stronger taste of blue cheese, feel free to serve it on the side.

Ingredients

- 2 boxes Betty Crocker™ Suddenly Salad™ BLT pasta salad
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 3 tablespoons lemon juice
- 4 cups chopped romaine lettuce (8 oz)
- 8 slices cooked bacon, chopped
- 2 cups shredded cooked chicken
- 1-1/2 cups cherry tomatoes, halved
- 1/2 cup crumbled blue cheese
- 2 medium avocados, pitted, peeled and coarsely chopped
- 4 hard-cooked eggs, peeled, coarsely chopped

Learn about teen gambling trends by joining caregiver webinar on April 25

Online gambling and sports betting have become more popular, and gambling among teenagers is on the rise. According to the National Council on Problem Gambling, approximately 60 percent of high-school-aged adolescents report having gambled for money in the last year, and children are at higher risk than adults for developing a gambling problem.

The Wakefield Public Schools Parent University series, in partnership with the Wake-Up Coalition, the Wakefield Health and Human Services Department, and Riverside Community Care, will host a virtual webinar for caregivers on April 25 to explore the topic.

Local experts will provide information on current gambling trends and signs to look for in your teen. Attendees will also learn the symptoms of problem gambling and strategies to help you talk to your teen about gambling and its risks.

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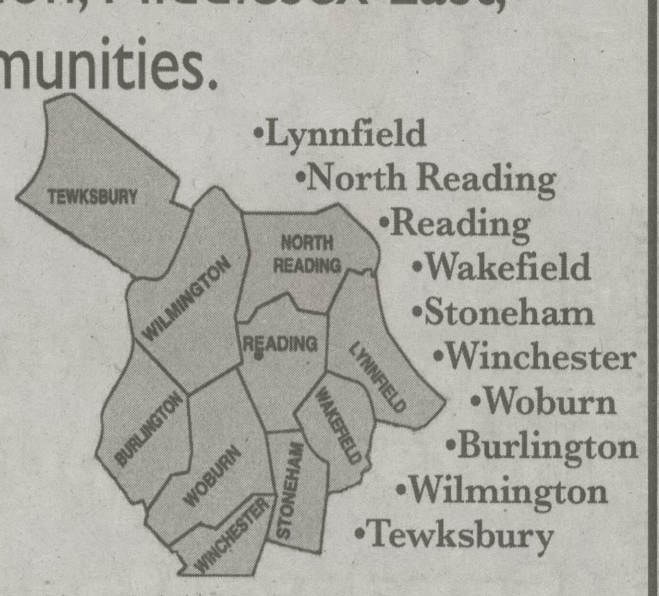

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69 Pleasant St was sold to Bellatreche, Abraham and Bellatreche, Megumi by Gaffney, Mark E for $290,000 on 03/28/24

9 Ridgewood Ln was sold to Fagan, Matthew W and Fagan, Genevieve M by Fiske, John and Cooper, Elizabeth for $910,000 on 03/29/24

8 Saw Mill Brook Way #8 was sold to Carli, Melissa and Carli, Ralph Kimball, Lynne W for $650,000 on 03/29/24

2 Stratton Dr #1207 was sold to Bachmann, Kimberly A by Pulte Hm Of New Eng LLC for $535,000 on 03/26/24

2 Stratton Dr #208 was sold to Bhoraskar, Siddharth and Salve, Pooja R by Pulte Hm Of New Eng LLC for $685,380 on 03/28/24

2 Stratton Dr #206 was sold to Feng, Xia and Zhang, Kai by Pulte Hm Of New Eng LLC for $688,860 on 03/27/24

2 Stratton Dr #201 was sold to Jiang, David L by Pulte Hm Of New Eng LLC for $773,405 on 03/28/24

2 Stratton Dr #205 was sold to Nakanwagi, Cissy D and Mpijja, Herman S by Pulte Hm Of New Eng LLC for $833,130 on 03/27/24

2 Stratton Dr #1203 was sold to Shettar, Kiran C and Naga, Srividya K by Pulte Hm Of New Eng LLC for $693,755 on 03/27/24

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underneath the tram, according to news reports out of Germany. One headline called the incident a "tragic mishap" and said the tram driver is being investigated.

The article notes the young boy "was hit by a tram at a stop west of the city centre and died." The article also claims the parents and brother "watched it all." By the next day, police were looking for witnesses to the accident that claim Henny's life.

Happier times

Kacie, from California, and Christian, from Canada, met in North Carolina at the University of North Carolina School for the Arts. Brown Gagnon said she and her future husband worked at the same restaurant.

"I was terrible at my job and they hired him to replace me and then fired me," she admitted over the phone last week.

Even with that auspicious beginning, their romance blossomed to the point of marriage and kids and an eventual move halfway across the world to a foreign country. Brown Gagnon said her husband worked really hard for a lot of years to get to this point in his career. She called it the pinnacle for him.

The two were ready to show their sons "the world" and "everything that entails with going to visit other countries." She said they found a church family whom she called loving and wonderful, plus an "incredible" school.

Brown Gagnon said her youngest son went to school for the first time, as he typically stayed home with her. With the boys out of the house, she was able to pursue her own dreams. She was an actor/director and acting coach. While in Leipzig, she found two assistant directing jobs at theaters.

"It finally felt like life was coming together," she remarked.

Henny

Mayer, a friend and neighbor from DeCarolis Drive in Tewksbury, said so many people back home feel helpless. Therefore, they, with the family's blessing, set up a GoFundMe account to help bring Henny back home.

She added how her six-year old daughter Lucy is the same age as Brown Gagnon's oldest, Walter.

Mayer called Henny a "vibrant" three-year old with enough energy to fill a room.

"He could literally name any dinosaur you showed him," Mayer noted. "It was amazing; names I couldn't even pronounce."

Brown Gagnon, in a Facebook post, wrote about her youngest son: "HIs favorite thing was being Walter's brother. He did what Walter did, ate what Walter ate. When I would pick him up at school, I would never see him with kids his age I would only ever every single day see him with Walter and his friends. He just wanted to be where Walter was and be in Walter's orbit.

"Sometimes if he was upset and I couldn't calm him down, Walter could and then he would go sit on Walter's lap and Walter would hold him and sing to him. The bond that they had was priceless, special. There are no words to describe (it). Walter is bereft.

"We are all wondering how we get through the rest of our lives without him."

Mayer said Henny loved donuts from Donna's Donuts in Tewksbury, remembering the times she came over with some and saw his "eyes...light up at the sight." She said he also loved cakes, cupcakes, pizza, and ice cream.

Brown Gagnon called her son "easy to love," noting how he charmed everyone in Germany. Mayer called him "affectionate," referring to him as "an amazing cuddler" and saying she could always count on him for a hug.

"He loved my daughter Lucy so much and would shriek her name every time he saw her and insist on giving her a hug," Mayer said. "Henri and Walter are the closest Lucy has to siblings and they all loved each like siblings."

Henny was just like most young boys, it seemed, as he also liked to run, jump, ride a bike, play outside with dirt, and run through sprinklers.

Working hard

Mayer said Kacie and her husband worked hard so they could make the move to Germany. She said Christian worked as a waiter whenever he could to earn additional money for his family. Brown Gagnon, meanwhile, taught acting in North Andover, Lawrence and Boston before starting a private business so she could spend more time at home with her two sons. Mayer said Kacie is getting her own Master's degree in directing.

"I can honestly say I do not know how they did it," Mayer said about juggling work, school, raising two sons, and preparing for the move to Germany.

She called the whole family adventurous, noting how they probably saw more of New England than she did even though she has lived in Massachusetts her whole life. They traveled to the ocean, had picnics, saw fireworks, went apple picking; all experiences that create lasting memories. Times the family can look back on as they grieve their son.

Part of the reason the GoFundMe is important, Mayer said, is because Kacie and Christian were living off his PhD stipend and whatever money they made from teaching and waiting tables. Whatever money they saved went to preparing for the move to Germany. They had to sell so much, so the couple and their eldest son will return to Tewksbury with no furniture and no jobs.

She said any money raised through the GoFundMe will not only help cover the cost of bringing Henny home and his burial, but also help them pay bills and their mortgage (on a home they were able to keep, as Brown Gagnon's mother is living there) while they continue to grieve their son's untimely passing.

Tragedy and remembrance

According to news reports out of Germany, police said Henny left the train at noon at the stop together with his parents and brother. As they walked along the sidewalk next to the tracks, the three-year old stumbled, got one foot between the curb and the restarting train and was pulled under the vehicle.

The paper said the child succumbed to his injuries on the spot. It also noted how the tram driver suffered shock. For her part, Brown Gagnon said she doesn't blame the driver "whom we know must be suffering."

Regardless, the incident remains under investigation for negligent homicide and interference with road traffic.

In a devastating voicemail, Brown Gagnon said the family was going to Easter breakfast when Henny "tripped and fell underneath the tram."

"It was so fast and we begged the tram driver to back up...and maybe he couldn't, I don't know," she continued. "We don't speak German; we've been in this country for three months; we were supposed to be here for three years."

She called her little boy "the brightest light" and the "funniest little thing." Henny, she said, would sleep with his parents in their bed and whisper "I love you, mommy." He would fall asleep with his head on her shoulder, holding her fingers.

In the voicemail, she mentioned how Henny referred to his brother as "my Walter" and not "my brother."

"This is my mommy, this is my daddy, and this is my Walter," he would say.

"He was the biggest, brightest piece of our lives," she went on, noting his middle name was Wilde, like Oscar Wilde. "He had a free spirit and a free heart. He ran everywhere and wanted to know about everything."

She said they don't know what the future holds, just that they can't be where the tragedy happened.

"I am grateful and honored that you would write about my beautiful boy," Brown Gagnon acknowledged. "My husband is a very private person, but for me, I want the whole world to know who he was, because he was celestial, he was light and it brings me joy to talk about him, it helps me to talk about him."

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School Vacation Highlights:

Are you ready for school vacation week? We are! Kids in grades K-5 can participate in Random Acts of Art on Thursday, April 18 & Friday, April 19, (check links for times, no registration required). Swiftie Sessions (Grades 3-5 Version) on Wednesday April 17 are filling up fast, register today at readingpl.org.

Just for teens on vacation: Swiftie Sessions (Grades 6-12 Version) features friendship bracelets and music videos on Wednesday, April 17 (registration required). On Wednesday, April 18, Pokémon takes center stage at Learn to Play Pokémon (registration required).

More April Highlights:

Ready to do some de-cluttering and organizing? On Thursday, April 18, you'll gain some insights and have a chance to Ask an Organizer!

Just in time for cycling season, register for a Bike Maintenance Workshop on April 22. Led by REI mechanics, you'll learn how to care for and maintain your bike's wheels, derailleurs, chains, and more. Participants will be entered into a drawing for a REI full-service bike tune-up (valued at $140.00).

Title Town is back with more town pride and healthy competition, starting on Thursday, April 25. (Kids, grades 1-4, please register at readingpl.org).

Tewksbury Police Log

Saugus resident charged with OUI after car goes off road

Sunday, April 7

1:27 a.m. - Police officer reported he was flagged down by a motorist coming from Lowell saying they saw a male walking near Applebees. They checked surrounding area with nothing to show.

1:58 a.m. - Police out with individual walking near Andover Street and Hood Road. They provided courtesy transports to station for attached male party who was waiting for a friend to pick him up.

12:10 p.m. - Caller reported she believed a motor vehicle operator was stealing packages in the area of Apache Way. Police sent. They spoke to caller and it appeared he may have been a delivery driver.

1:44 p.m. - Caller reported tenants moved out yesterday and there was damage to the property at Whittemore Street. Caller questioned if it was malicious date or a civil matter. Police sent. No malicious damage.

2:58 p.m. - Caller reported unwanted couple at Marriott Residence Inn. While in route, parties left. Police sent. No threats and were spoken with the calling party.

Monday, April 8

8:51 am - A 911 caller reported an argument with the manger at Marriott Residence Inn. He was smoking in a no smoking area and the manager asked him to stop which upset him. The male was given a no trespass order. Police reported a copy was placed on fine at the police department.

10:16 a.m. - Caller stated someone damaged his vehicle and took the "Audi" symbol off at Archstone Avenue. Police sent. Officer filed a report.

2:18 p.m. - Caller reported a white female, mid- to late-20's in a black Lexus sedan, parked in a row 3A that appeared to be using cocaine in her vehicle at Market Basket South. Police sent. She was awake and alert.

Tuesday, April 9

12:29 a.m. - Caller reported a suspicious vehicle parked across the street with dimmed lights but believed they either left or the lights were off at Columbia Road. Male party with a gray sweatshirt with hood on walking down South Street. Police sent. The area was checked with nothing found. They would be doing extra checks throughout the night.

1:19 a.m. - Police off with a vehicle idling at Mobil Stadium Plaza gas station to back up. They checked out the area. They were just switching drivers to continue onto Virginia.

6:47 p.m. - Caller reported the door to a Marshall Street building has been open for the last few days and was now closed. Caller was concerned since the home was abandoned. Police sent. Building secure.

8:31 p.m. - Caller reported an elderly female was trying to use the Bitcoin machine at Cumberland Farms. Staff called back stating female left store and was in a newer Jeep Cheroke color red in the lot. Police sent. Officer filed a report.

10:59 p.m. - Multiple 911 callers reported a single car motor vehicle accident at North Street. The vehicle hit a tree. Police and ambulance sent. Jian Wu, 40, of 15 Maplewood Road in Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with OUI liquor, marked lanes violation, and negligent operation of motor vehicle.

Wednesday, April 10

10:29 p.m. - A 911 caller reported a suspicious vehicle parked at the end of her driveway at Belt Circle. Police sent, but gone on arrival. All was quiet.

Thursday, April 11

2:04 a.m. - Police reported door propped open at Main Street. They conducted walk through with nothing showing.

5:44 p.m. - Caller reported loud vehicle backfiring at South Street. Police sent. Nothing showing.

6:32 p.m. - A 911 caller reported a suspicious male in her backyard at Booth. Male was wearing all black and a mask. Police sent. Nothing shown on callers property. They checked the area and spoke with the caller. It was reported to her by a nine-year old. She did not see anything when she checked her ring camera.

8:07 p.m. - Police attempted to make contact with homework at North Street. Garage door left open. Caller reported she was the homeowner but does not feeling comfortable giving her name. She was aware that the door was open and it was not a concern for her.

Friday, April 12

11:26 a.m. - Neighbor reported a suspicious vehicle in the neighborhood of Elm Avenue. Police made contact with registered owner of the motor vehicle from previous in house record of PI check in. Confirmed she was a PI working in the area.

8:04 p.m. - A 911 caller reported a black SUV older model crossing double yellow lines and speeding at East Street and Livingston Street. Police sent. They reported male spoken to.

Saturday, April 13

11:54 a.m. - A 911 caller reported erratic driver at route 495 and Main Street. Police sent but one on arrival.

5:10 p.m. - Employee at H & R Block reported male party causing a disturbance by yelling and acting belligerent. Police sent. Officer filed a report.

Sunday, April 14

1:33 a.m. - Police out with Woburn Street for suspicious activity. Brett Miller, 29, of 148 Flintlock Road Hopkinton, New Hampshire, possess class B drug, number plate violation to conceal ID, and uninsured motor vehicle.

1:38 a.m. - Caller reported a vehicle appeared to have gone off the roadway at South Street. They believed the car was stuck. Police sent. Kevin Banh, 27, of 1909 Lewis O Gray Drive, Saugus, was arrested and charged with OUI liquor, negligent operation of motor vehicle, and marked lanes violation.

Wilmington Police Log

Wakefield resident arrested for OUI-Liquor

Friday, April 5:

4:08 a.m.: Gary A Cotter of 248 Main St., in Wakefield, was arrested for a 2nd offense of OUI-Liquor over .08%. This followed police checking his vehicle in the parking lot of the Red Heat Tavern on Lowell Street.

11:26 a.m.: A caller reported a past hit-and-run that had occurred at 9:30 a.m. that morning at the Country Chef on Main Street. Police checked video footage from a nearby AAA Tire from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., but were unable to determine if a collision had taken place.

6:16 p.m.: Bradford L Dixon of 637 Ames Hill Dr., in Tewksbury, was issued a summons for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license and speeding in violation of special regulations. This followed a stop of his black 2022 Honda Accord on Aldrich Road.

Saturday, April 6:

12:18 a.m.: A caller on Ring Avenue complained about a neighbor having a party that was too loud. Afterwards, the same caller reported that his house was toilet papered by four kids in black hoodies, possibly driving a station wagon.

6:03 a.m.: A one-car rollover accident was reported prior to exit 31 on the I93 SB highway involving a black 2021 Mazda 3. It's not known if airbags were deployed or if anyone was injured. MassDOT shut down the exit, and state police took over the situation.

1:37 p.m.: Liandra Rose Torres of 1 Lincoln Road, in Peabody, was issued a summons for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license and making an improper turn. This followed a stop of her red 2013 Ford Escape on Main Street.

Sunday, April 7:

2:11 a.m.: Marie A Florant of 2 Brookway Ter., Apt. #326, in Roslindale, was issued a summons for a subsequent offense of operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license, operating an uninsured motor vehicle, and operating an unregistered motor vehicle. This followed police checking on her gray 2017 Ford Escape that was pulled off in the middle of Jonspin Road.

10:20 a.m.: A caller at the Sunrise Market on Main Street reported a party wearing a gray sweatshirt came out of the market and threatened to kill him. The threats were apparently only verbal, and police advised both parties.

2:43 p.m.: Edward Reid of 504 Echo Lane, in Moriches, NY, was arrested for unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, a number plate violation, and not having a registration in possession. This followed a stop of his vehicle on Andrew Street.

Monday, April 8:

2:13 p.m.: A caller on Freeport Drive reported that there was a car in their driveway, and was trying to get a woman to leave, but was unable to due to a language barrier. The woman was eventually able to go to her proper destination on Heather Drive.

3:35 p.m.: A walk-in party from Minkrun Road reported a case of fraud.

Tuesday, April 9:

6:09 a.m.: Jeffrey Mejia Durango of 142 Garland St., Apt. #3, in Everett, was issued a summons for operating an uninsured motor vehicle, and operating a motor vehicle with a suspended or revoked registration. This followed a stop of his white 2012 Lexus IS250 on Lowell Street.

8:02 a.m.: A 2020 L90H Wheel Loader rear-ended a gray 2023 Mazda CX-50 on Lowell Street. No airbags were deployed, and no one was injured.

8:18 a.m.: A caller at the UHaul on Main Street requested an officer respond to take a stolen motor vehicle report involving a UHaul truck.

Wednesday, April 10:

3:44 a.m.: A monitoring company reported a black male wearing both a black t-shirt and black pants walking around box trucks at Bimbo Bakeries on Ballardvale Street, even though nobody should be there at that time. The man in question was discovered to be an employee of Bimbo Bakeries.

5:29 p.m.: A black 2019 Chevy Tahoe and a blue 2023 Mazda CX-30 were involved in a motor vehicle accident on Middlesex Avenue. No airbags were deployed, no one was injured, and police assisted with paperwork exchange.

8:42 p.m.: A walk-in party reported that they had been involved in a motor vehicle accident at the Registry of Motor Vehicles on Middlesex Avenue on March 21, at about 1:45 p.m. Information had been exchanged on scene.

Thursday, April 11:

2:44 p.m.: The door fell off a tractor trailer unit, damaging another vehicle near the Red Bull on Ballardvale Street. Police assisted with paperwork exchange.

4:37 p.m.: A caller at the TJ Maxx on Main Street reported a black Audi in the parking lot with no plates and dark tints, finding it suspicious. There was discovered to be a back dealer plate and a registration on the dash.

Local students named to Dean's List at Endicott

BEVERLY — Endicott College, the first college in the U.S. to require internships of its students, is pleased to announce its Fall 2023 Dean's List students. In order to qualify for the Dean's List, a student must obtain a minimum grade point average of 3.5, receive no letter grade below "C," have no withdrawal grades, and be enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits for the semester.

The following students have met these requirements:

TEWKSBURY

- **Shane Aylward**, Exercise Science, son of Mary Aylward and Brian Aylward
- **Julia Barletta**, Nursing, daughter of Laura Barletta and Thomas Barletta
- **Kathryn Collina**, Nursing, daughter of Shannon Collina and Paul Collina
- **Courtney Curtin**, Nursing, daughter of Robyn Curtin
- **Daniel Fleming**, Business Management, son of Patricia Fleming and Daniel Fleming
- **Brianna Iandoli**, Psychology, daughter of Amy Iandoli and Richard Iandoli
- **Katherine Ma**, Marketing, daughter of Julie Ma and William Ma
- **Katrina Macdonald**, Interior Architecture, daughter of Kathleen Macdonald and Robert Macdonald
- **Ryan Melo**, Digital Media, son of Sonia Melo
- **Jenna Purtell**, Psychology, daughter of Stephanie Purtell and James Purtell
- **Madison Stovesand**, Biology/Biotechnology, daughter of Lorraine Stovesand and James Stovesand
- **AnnMarie Sullivan**, Interior Architecture, daughter of Victoria Sullivan and Robert Sullivan
- **Olivia Velloso**, Business Management, daughter of Janet Velloso and Edgard Velloso

Wilmington

- **Rachel DiFronzo**, Exercise Science, daughter of Marisa DiFronzo and Dino DiFronzo
- **Melanie Hayden**, Nursing, daughter of Maureen Hayden and Richard Hayden
- **Annabelle Kane**, Nursing, daughter of Dan Kane and Lori Kane
- **Cooper Loisel**, Interdisciplinary Stud., son of Elizabeth Loisel and Robert Loisel
- **Maeve Martins**, Nursing, daughter of Alicia Martins and Mario Martins
- **James McCarron**, Business Management, son of Jennifer McCarron and James McCarron
- **Allison Moody**, English, daughter of Diane Moody and Michael Moody
- **Tyler Rourke**, Digital Media, son of Sandra Rourke and Stephen Rourke
- **Abigail Silveira**, Marketing, daughter of Jennifer Silveira and James Silveira
- **Stephen Smolinsky**, Finance, son of Margaret Smolinsky and Russell Smolinsky
- **Elizabeth Stokes**, Finance, daughter of Kristen Stokes and Charles Stokes
- **Grace Wiberg-Pichetti**, English, daughter of Karen Wiberg and Paul Pichetti

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Two arrested for drug possession by Tewksbury Police

TEWKSBURY — Chief Ryan Columbus reports that the Tewksbury Police Department arrested two people on drug charges on Friday.

Julio Rivera, 35, of Lawrence, is charged with:

- Possession of a Class A Drug (Subsequent Offense)

Kara Waugh, 31, of Lawrence, is charged with:

- Possession of a Class A Drug
- Possession of a Class B Drug

On Friday, April 12, at about 3:21 a.m., Tewksbury Police responded to the Marriott Residence Inn on Andover Street. During their initial investigation, officers observed drugs and drug paraphernalia in a room of the hotel.

Police also learned that Waugh was wanted on multiple outstanding warrants related to drug and theft charges. Waugh and Rivera were arrested without incident.

Waugh and Rivera were arraigned on Friday in Lowell District Court.

Police secured the hotel room and executed a search warrant there on Friday afternoon. This search led to the discovery of additional drugs, believed to be cocaine and Fentanyl, as well as items consistent with the distribution and sale of illicit substances.

As a result of this search, Tewksbury Police will seek warrants against Waugh and Rivera on charges of Trafficking of Fentanyl (More Than 100 Grams) and Trafficking of Cocaine (More Than 36 Grams).

Waugh and Rivera were scheduled to be arraigned on Tuesday in Lowell District Court on these subsequent charges.

These are allegations. All suspects are innocent until proven guilty.

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Boston Marathon 2024:

Wilmington girls tackle Boston's famous course

Spinazola and Granara cross finish line together in 128th edition of the prestigious race

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Best friends truly do everything together.

Just ask Wilmington's Jamie Spinazola and Jordyn Granara.

The lifelong friends have played soccer together since the fourth grade and graduated from Wilmington High School in 2016.

Spinazola will even be a bridesmaid at Granara's wedding next year.

So when Spinazola considered running the 128th Boston Marathon, Granara wouldn't let her do it alone.

Fast forward eight months, and the duo crossed the finish line on Boylston Street just a second apart, at 5:34.46 and 5:34.45, respectively.

"That was one of the hardest things I've ever done," Granara said after the race. "It was also one of the best and most memorable days I've ever experienced. Doing it with my best friend made it even better.

"Being surrounded by like-minded charity runners with similar goals and hearing the crowd scream your name is beyond anything I could describe," Spinazola said.

CASE OF "FEAR OF MISSING OUT"

That's not to say Granara didn't require any convincing to make the 26.2-mile haul into Boston. After completing a half-marathon over the summer in Falmouth, she was adamant that was the longest distance she'd go after.

"We were so unprepared for the half marathon that I finished it, and I said, 'I'll never do this again. This was horrible," Granara recalled with a laugh.

In fact, it was Granara who convinced Spinazola to attack the 13.1 miles after they had competed in a pair of 5ks together over the past two years.

"She texted me one day out of the blue saying, 'Hey, do you want to run a half marathon? We've been doing these 5ks for a little bit,'" recalled Spinazola.

However, they drove home in two completely different headspaces. Spinazola was inspired to up the ante, immediately having her eyes set on Boston.

Meanwhile, Granara suffered an injury to her foot that required her to sport a boot for 4-6 weeks.

"I was driving home, and I got an email from Dana Farber saying you can now sign up for the marathon," Spinazola remembered. "I was like, wow, this is a sign that I have to do it. I just finished the half, and I got an email saying to sign up for the marathon.

"I said to Jamie that I couldn't do it," recalled Granara. "I will cheer her on all the way through, but I'm not doing it."

After Spinazola was accepted to run for Dana-Farber, Granara felt left out.

So Spinazola helped her fill out an application to run for Massachusetts General Hospital's Emergency Response team.

"Maybe I'll just apply, and if I get accepted, cool, I'll do it," said Granara.

▲ Jordyn Granara and Jamie Spinazola complete Monday's Boston Marathon together. (Courtesy photo)

"If I don't, maybe it's a sign I shouldn't do it."

Just three days later, she was accepted.

The pair was off and running.

RUNNING WITH PURPOSE

While wanting to check another box off their growing bucket list as best friends, Spinazola and Granara had deeper motivations to send them to the starting line in Hopkinton.

For Spinazola, it was her dad, who was diagnosed with CNS lymphoma in 2021. He was immediately sent to Dana-Farber for treatment of the rare cancer.

"Going through that is one of the worst experiences," she said. "You just feel so hopeless because there's nothing you can do for them."

Monday was the first time her dad watched her run a race live in person. He's been cancer-free since 2022.

"Whenever I go on my long runs, I always think about it, and I have to stop thinking about it because I get so choked up, and then I can't breathe," said Spinazola, "It's going to be a very emotional thing for me."

It's what pushed her through the grueling training all winter.

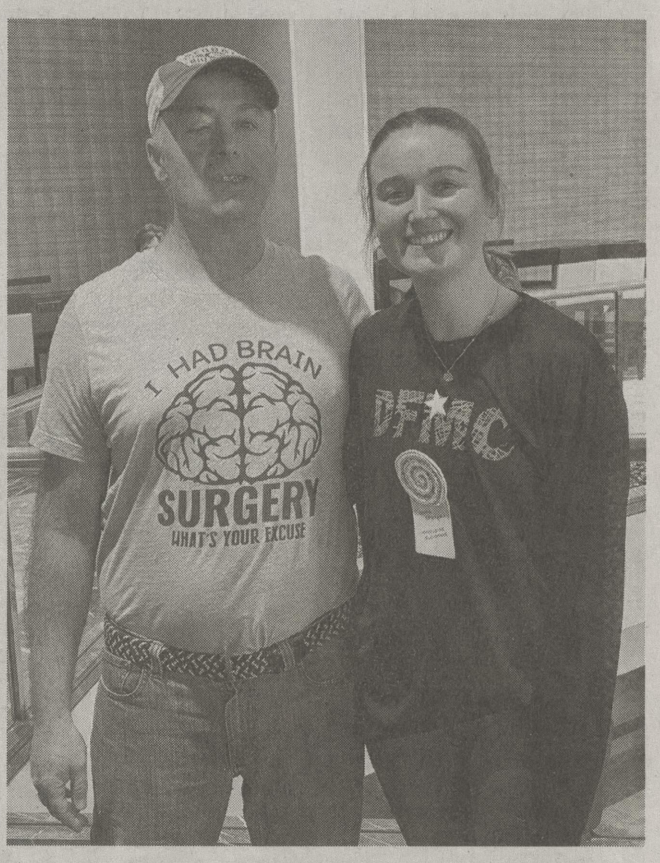
"You have to put aside a lot of time just for running," she said. "It takes up so much time of your day and of your week. It's worth it, but it's hard on your body.

"I could not do this without their support. All the time and effort that they put into this, especially with the fundraising. My Mom helped me a lot with that."

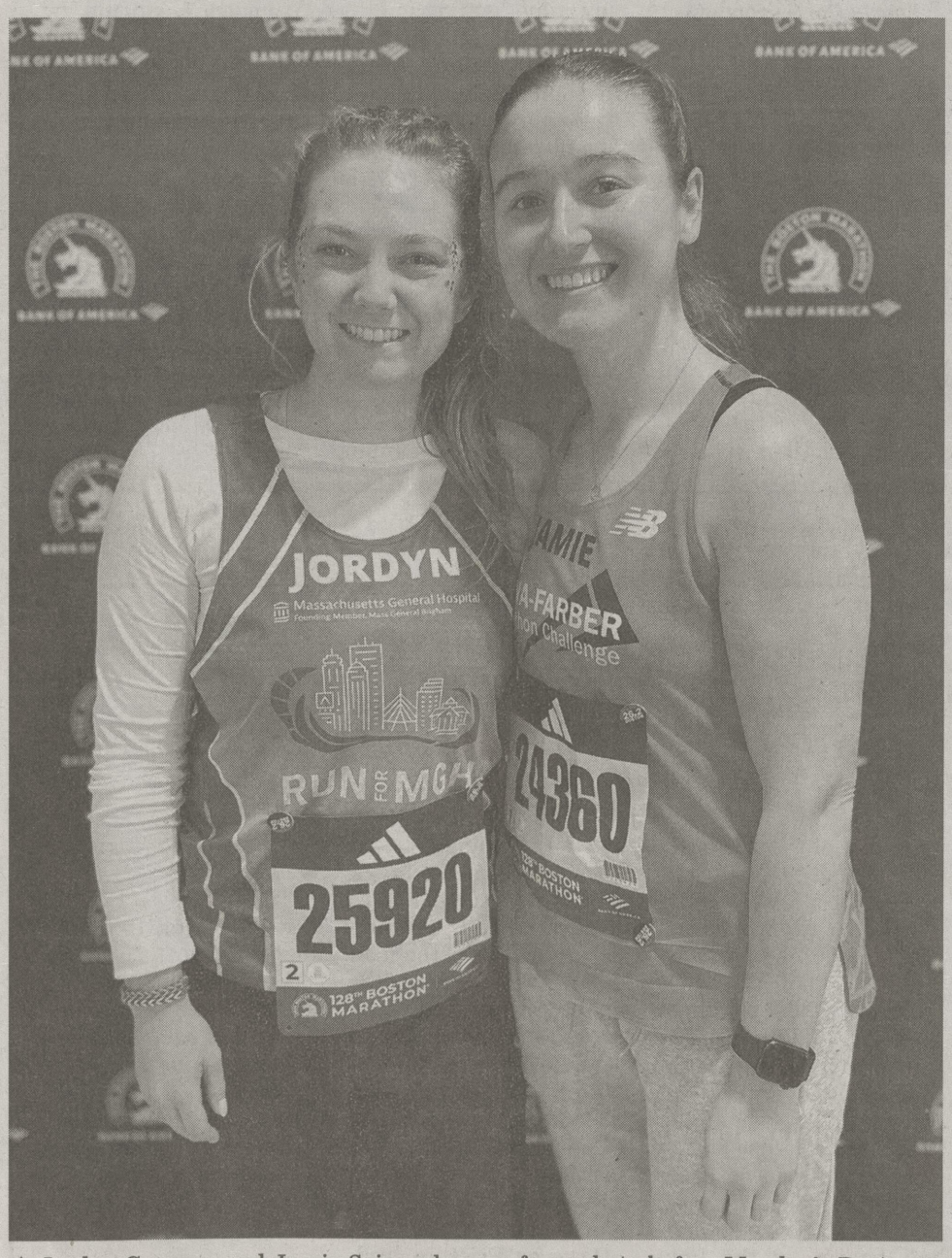
Granara also had personal ties to Monday's race, as four close family members have been treated at Mass. General Emergency Response.

MGH saved her grandfather and aunt while giving amazing care to her late grandmother and great-aunt.

"Mass General has really been a lifeline to a lot of people in my family for a while," Granara said. "The ER team especially was something I wanted to run for because of most recently, my Aunt. They saved her life, and I don't know what I would do without her. She's one of my best friends."



▲ Jamie Spinazola and her father Mike smile for a photo before the marathon. (Courtesy photo)



▲ Jordyn Granara and Jamie Spinazola pose for a photo before Monday's Boston Marathon. (Courtesy photo)

BETTER TOGETHER

But even with their family members behind them, Spinazola and Granara couldn't have crossed the finish line without each other.

"I'm so thankful that she's running this with me," Spinazola said prior to the race. "It's going to be so nice to experience this with someone. I just know it's going to be a great feeling crossing the finish line together. We started together, and we're going to finish it together.

"That makes it way easier, and the fact that it's her makes it even better," added Granara. "It keeps you held accountable. The days I don't want to run, I get the notification on my Apple Watch that she ran."

Better yet, this is something either of them could never have imagined accomplishing.

For starters, Spinazola was not a fan of running at WHS.

"I hated running in high school," she admitted. "I played soccer all my life, so obviously I've been running, but I was just so bad at it, and I hated it. It was the worst part of every practice."

And while Granara was indeed a distance track runner in high school, running a marathon was never on her forecast. It wasn't until college that she grew an appreciation for the event.

"I always said I wanted to run the marathon," Granara said. "I went to Mass College of Pharmacy, so every Marathon Monday, all the Boston schools shut down, and that was always a big thing to do."

But together, the tandem of friends can take on any challenge.

"I never thought I'd be able to do this," Granara concluded. "It still doesn't feel real that we're going to do it.

"Over the past three years, there's been so much emotion, and it feels like a chapter closing on that and a good ending to it," said Spinazola.

WHS boys lacrosse topped by Shawsheen

Rams earn victory with late-game surge

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BILLERICA — It was a stretch of good news and bad news for the Wilmington High boys lacrosse team.

The Wildcats earned an 11-6 win over Tewksbury while also falling to Shawsheen Tech by a 12-9 score.

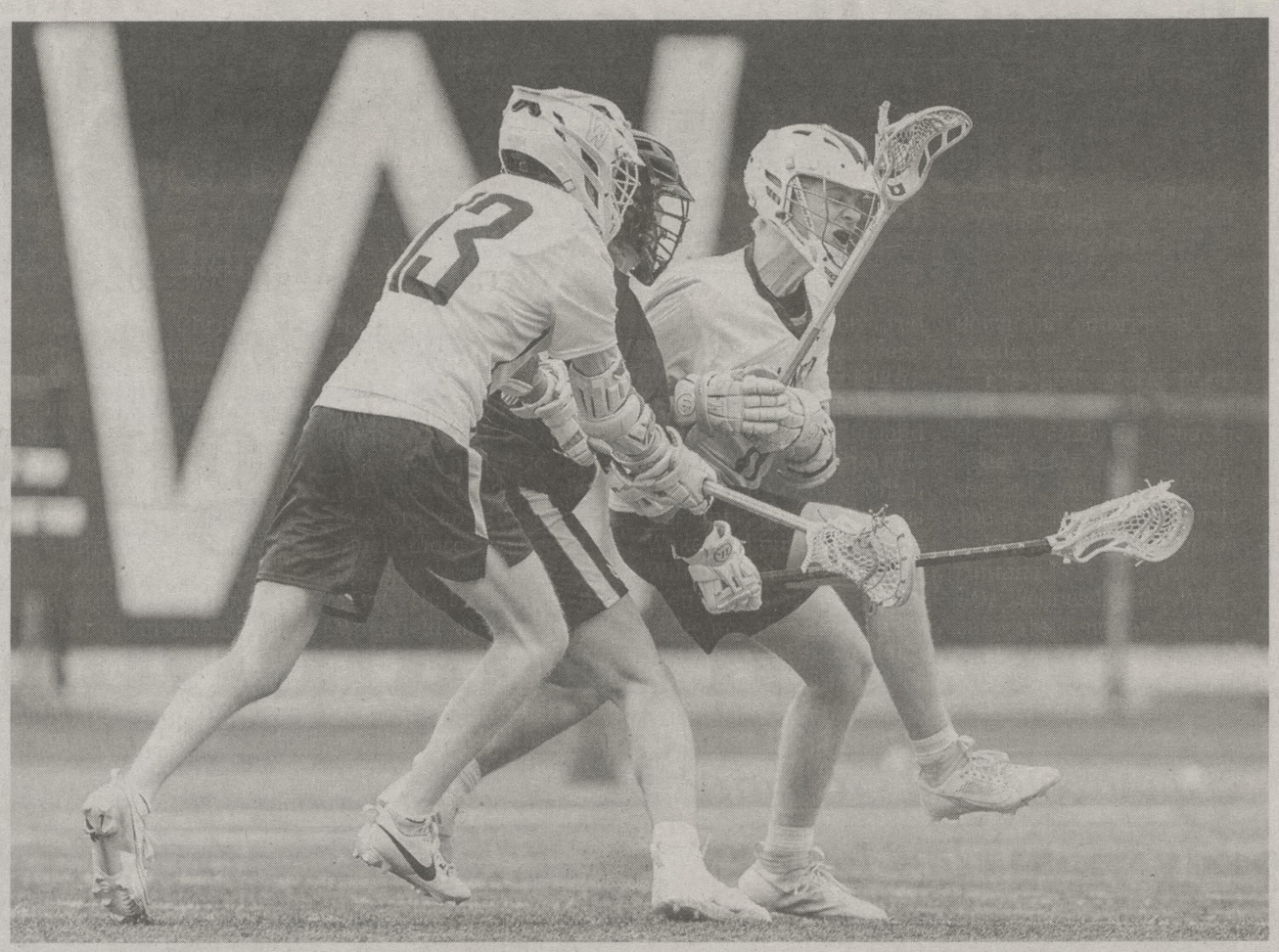
Against the Rams, the game was tied 9-9 before Shawsheen scored the last three goals.

The 'Cats were led by Michael Lawler and Colin Allard's hat tricks, followed by Charlie Rooney's pair of goals and Bobby Cyr's tuck. Luke DeProfio was impressive between the pipes with 10 denials.

"It's two good teams playing," said WHS coach John Fortes. "Whenever that happens, you know it's going to be back and forth. Great effort on both sides, they were just able to do a couple more things better than we could."

It was all Wilmington in the opening minutes, however, as Wilmington bolted out to a quick 3-0 lead on three different goal scorers. Lawler, Cyr, and Allard all found twine in the first four minutes, highlighted by a rocket from Cyr — a long pole — from the top of the box to beat Guinane.

But the Rams fought back, putting together a 4-1 run to end the first quarter with the score knotted at four.



▲ Wilmington's AJ Chisholm lays a hit on Winchester's Ted Boksanski as he tries to score. (James Thomas Photography)

Wilmington took the momentum back in the second frame, scoring a trio of quick goals kickstarted by two snipes from Lawler. Rooney then found the back of the net on a feed from Cyr to give the Wildcats a 7-4 lead with 4:20 left in the half.

"Michael is a captain for a reason," Fortes said. "He's always out there making the big plays, giving it his full effort, and supporting his teammates. He's everything that we could ask for."

That's when the Rams had seen enough, scoring four straight goals to regain the lead with 10 seconds left in the second.

"We made a couple mistakes and they took advantage of them," said Fortes. "They didn't make the mistakes back."

While Wilmington tied the game at nine in the third quarter thanks to goals from Allard and Rooney, that was the last time the Cats would break the plane. The 'Cats were held without a goal in the fourth quarter, posting just one shot on goal amidst a swarming Shawsheen defense.

The loss doesn't diminish DeProfio's impressive play in the crease on Friday.

"Luke has been great all season," said Fortes. "He took a major step forward from last season. Now that it's his job, he's holding onto it and he's doing a great job."

Against Tewksbury, Lawler had four goals to pace the offense.

Other scorers included Rooney, Allard and Cyr with two each and Gray, who had one.

WHS track teams cruise in season openers

READING — The Wilmington High boys and girls track teams opened up their season with impressive wins against Watertown on Tuesday, April 9 at Reading High School.

The boys won by a score of 110-26 and were led by Aidan Burke, who scored 13 points and qualified for the Div. 4 State meet in the 400 hurdles and the javelin.

The girls won by a score of 104-32 and were led by Alexis Melvin, who scored 11.25 points and qualified for the Div. 4 State meet in the 400-meter dash.

Winning events for the boys were Burke in the 400 hurdles (64.49 seconds state qualifier) and javelin (140 feet, 2 inches state qualifier), Martin Philiossaint in the long jump (19'06.25"; state qualifier) and long jump (39'06"), Hunter Sands in the 110 hurdles (19.18 seconds), Marvins Jean in the 100 meter dash (12.86 seconds), Ashvin Baker in the 400 meters (54.36 seconds state qualifier), Jameson Burns in the 800 meters (2:09.90), Cameron Jenks in the 200 meters (25.00 seconds), Dean Ciampa in the two mile run (10:36.71), Sean Patrone in the high jump (6'00"; state qualifier), Gabriel Borges in the shot put (35'09.75"), the 4 x 100 relay of Cameron Molina, Jonas Arulraj, Ben Harris and Jonathan Foresyth (50.22 seconds) and the 4 x 400 relay of Jameson Burns, Dean Ciampa, Jonathan Foresyth and Ashvin Baker (3:55.07).

Second-place finishers were: Cooper Holleran in the one mile run (5:06.81) and 800 meter run (2:20.84), Sands in the javelin (118'03") and high jump (5'06"), Dylan Grace in the 400 hurdles (65.77 seconds), Vincenzo Mondi in the 110 hurdles (22.74 seconds), Jonas Arulraj in the 100 meters (12.88 seconds), Mike Oatis in the two mile run (10:53.86), Burke in the long jump (18'10.75") and Jean in the triple jump (39'00")

Adding third-place points were Cameron Jenks in the 400 hurdles (68.77 seconds) and long jump (18'10.25"), Jake Cronin in the one mile run (5:15.28), Cameron Molina in the 110 hurdles (22.76 seconds), Philiossaint in the 200 meters (26.40 seconds), Gavin Dong in the two mile run (11:02.00), Baker in the high jump (5'02"), Jonathan Foresyth in the triple jump (33'05.25"), Gabriel Borges in the discus (82'10") and Oatis in the javelin (97'10").

On the girls side, winners included Hannah Bryson in the 400 hurdles (79.17 seconds) and two mile run (12:58.16), Mollie Osgood in the 100 hurdles (18.48 seconds) and high jump (5'02" state qualifier), Melvin in the 400 meters (64.04 seconds state qualifier) and triple jump (31'05.25"), Maddie Krueger in the shot put (30'09.5" state qualifier) and discus (80'10"), Molly MacDonald in the 100 meters (13.92 seconds), Alexis LeBlanc in the 200 meters (27.14 seconds state qualifier), Abigail Howie in the javelin (92'07"; state qualifier), the 4 x 100 relay of Lily McLaughlin, Molly Mac Donald, Abigail Howie and Alexis LeBlanc (54.70 seconds) and the 4 x 400 relay of Alexis Melvin, Maeve White, Isabel Carriere and Addy Hunt (4:39.81).

Wilmington's second-place finishers were Kayleigh Walker in the 100 meters (14.03 seconds) and 200 meters (29.41 seconds), Maeve White in the 400 hurdles (79.18 seconds), Charlotte Kiley in the one mile run (6:21.07), Isabel Carriere in the 400 meters (65.48 seconds), Addy Hunt in the 800 meters (2:32.71 state qualifier), Mia Stryhalaleck in the two mile run (13:41.32), Sam Glaser in the long jump (14'03.25"), Molly MacDonald in the javelin (88'02" state qualifier), Abigail Howie in the shot put (27' 02") and Emma Callahan triple jump (29'06.5").

The third-place finishers included Callahan in the 100 hurdles (21.55 seconds), Kaitlyn Shackleford in the two mile run (14:27.38), Anna Jancsics in the javelin (86'00"), Giselle Olatilu in the high jump (4'04") and Emma Tarin in the shot put (21'01.25") and discus (50'08").

The next meet for the Wildcats is next Wednesday, April 17, 2024 at 9:00 am vs Burlington High School at Burlington.

Softball is 2-1 after first three

Wildcats fall to Tewksbury on Monday

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The Wilmington High softball team is 2-1 after its first three games.

On Monday, the Wildcats lost to one of the state's top Div. 2 programs, Tewksbury, by a 12-0 score.

Tewksbury's Whitney Gigante (seven strikeouts) and Aislin Davis (four strikeouts) tossed a combined five shutout innings as Tewksbury's bats erupted to beat their rivals at Hazel Field.

Tewksbury didn't waste any time getting on the scoreboard, scoring their first four batters in the first inning after Gigante's three-run double. Della Piana plated another runner, and Tewksbury was off and running with a 4-0 lead.

Olivia Raposa notched Wilmington's lone hit of the matchup — a fifth-inning single — as Tewksbury's aces overpowered Wilmington's offense.

Ava Drozdowski and Isabella Maiella split the pitching duties for Wilmington.

Last week, Wilmington pounded Lexington by a 21-4 score.

Lily MacKenzie and Eva Boudreau had four RBI's each to lead the team.

Maiella pitched a complete game for her second win of the season.

Wilmington opened the season with a 12-0 win over Winchester.

The 'Cats will look to bounce back against Melrose (Wednesday), Burlington (Friday), and Masconomet (Monday).

◀ Isabella Maiella throws a pitch for Wilmington. (Joe Brown photo)

Girls lacrosse falls to Wakefield

Wildcats battle hard, but Warriors pull away

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WILMINGTON — The Wilmington High School girls lacrosse team learned a valuable lesson on Tuesday afternoon: it takes a complete 48-minute effort to be successful in the Middlesex League.

After playing a fast and tenacious brand of lacrosse for three quarters at Alumni Field, Wakefield took over the final period to run away with a 15-4 win. The Wildcats stand at 1-5 on the spring following a loss to Lexington on Wednesday.

Abby Driscoll stopped 12 shots between the pipes, and Leah Murphy netted a pair of goals, but Wakefield's eight-goal rampage in the fourth quarter was enough to tame the 'Cats.

"We were leaving the middle open, and they were finding that girl in the middle," said WHS head coach Chris Frissore. "It's definitely something we're going to be going over in practice the next couple of days. We got two or three practices before our next game, which is good."

Wilmington also received scoring from Maddie Sainato and Gabby Kulevich in an offense that was productive when they possessed the ball. It was Murphy who opened the scoring out of the gate, converting a free position shot at the 3:27 mark of the first.

"On offense, we've looked pretty strong and it's even," Frissore said. "Last year we had two girls who we waited for them to score, and this year is much more even, and it looks better."

But that's when the Wakefield offense began to find its groove, cashing in six unanswered goals until Kulevich halted the run in the final three minutes of the first half as Wilmington eyed a 6-2 deficit at the break while being outshot 12-7.

Sainato and Murphy were able to cut the lead to just 7-4 going into the final quarter of play, which was met with a furious Wakefield push to put the Wilmington defense on their heels.

Playing the game with just three subs, the Wildcats simply ran out of gas in crunch time.

However, Frissore credits his group for bearing down and embracing the challenge.

"The girls work hard, and they want to be out there," said the coach. "They get a little tired by the end, and I feel bad. Today was back and forth a lot, so that's a lot of running."

On Wednesday, the Wildcats are back in action against Methuen for a non-conference matchup slated for 2:30 p.m.

Larry Cullity dives to the turf to make a play on Monday.

(Photo by Doug Hastings)

Shawsheen Tech Roundup

Boys lacrosse wins tight game against Wilmington

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BILLERICA — It's not always how you start, but how you finish.

The Shawsheen Tech boys lacrosse team didn't hang their heads after a lagging first quarter on Friday — and they saved their best for last. The Rams silenced Wilmington in the fourth quarter with three unanswered goals to tame their rivals on home turf in a thrilling 12-9 victory at Alumni Field.

"We had a rough start," said Shawsheen coach Chuck Baker. "Obviously being (Wilmington), these kids all know each other. I think we were a little rambunctious to start the game and let them get off to a good start. Once we settled in, we were in good shape."

Quinn Carbone erupted for four goals in the win, as Shawn Ricchi netted a hat trick for Shawsheen. Kyle Gray (two goals) and Zack Timmons (two goals) complemented the offense in front of a six-safe effort from Quinn Guinane in goal.

The 'Cats were led by Michael Lawler and Colin Allard's hat tricks, followed by Charlie Rooney's pair of goals and Bobby Cyr's tuck. Luke DeProfio was impressive between the pipes with 10 denials.

It was all Wilmington in the opening minutes, however, as Wilmington bolted out to a quick 3-0 lead on three different goal scorers. Lawler, Cyr, and Allard all found twine in the first four minutes, highlighted by a rocket from Cyr — a long pole — from the top of the box to beat Guinane.

But the Rams fought back, putting together a 4-1 run to end the first quarter with the score knotted at four. Carbone scored his first tally of the game at the 6:13 mark to put the Rams on the board in what would be an electric day for the freshman. Ricchi, Gray, and Timmons also scored in the quarter.

"He did a great job," Baker said of Carbone. "He controlled the ball well for us and put some in the back of the net. He had a great game. We put the ball in his hands at the end, he's a solid kid on his feet, and he's willing to take a good licking if he has to."

Wilmington took the momentum back in the second frame, scoring a trio of quick goals kickstarted by two snipes from Lawler. Rooney then found the back of the net on a feed from Cyr to give the Wildcats a 7-4 lead with 4:20 left in the half.

That's when the Rams had seen enough, scoring four straight goals to regain the lead with 10 seconds left in the second, headlined by the last two legs of Ricchi's hat trick.

While Wilmington tied the game at nine in the third quarter thanks to goals from Allard and Rooney, that was the last time the Cats would break the plane. The 'Cats were held without a goal in the fourth quarter, posting just one shot on goal amidst a swarming Shawsheen defense.

"The defense communicated well today," Baker said. "They were moving their feet, and they were using their sticks the way they're supposed to. They didn't play lazy."

Carbone put the finishing touches on his masterclass with 1:38 left in the game, netting his fourth score to give the Rams a 12-9 lead that lasted until the final buzzer. However, the loss doesn't diminish DeProfio's impressive play in the crease on Friday.

"Luke has been great all season," said Fortes. "He took a major step forward from last season. Now that it's his job, he's holding onto it and he's doing a great job."

▲ Zack Timmons holds off a Mystic Valley defender. (Photo by Doug Hastings)

GIRLS LACROSSE 3-1

The Shawsheen Tech girls lacrosse team is 3-1 after its first four games.

Shawsheen's only defeat of the early part of the season was a 14-3 loss to Tewksbury. Ram victories have come against Lowell Catholic, Greater Lowell and Mystic Valley.

Against Mystic, Shawsheen won, 19-10.

Jude Sloman led the Ram offense with eight goals while Izzie Ferguson and Natalia Portillo-Pitta each added three goals. Fiona Rexford contributed two goals for Shawsheen.

Other scorers included Riley Rourke, Cera Salter and Alexis Fox.

Top Shawsheen defenders included Maya Noyes and Mia Vacha in goal.

In a 10-7 win over Greater Lowell, six different Rams had goals.

Sloman had three, Fox and Portillo-Pitta each had two while Salter, Rexford and Rourke all had one.

Alyssa Costantellio and Fox led the Ram defense.

The Rams defeated Lowell Catholic, 13-5.

Sloman and Rourke paced the offense with four goals apiece.

Rexford had two goals and other scorers for Shawsheen included Salter, Portillo-Pitta and Adriana Kepple.

BASEBALL IMPROVES TO 3-2

Backed by outstanding defense and pitching, the Shawsheen Tech baseball team shutout Essex Tech and Greater Lawrence before a 2-1 loss to Arlington Catholic on Sunday.

In a 10-0 win over Greater Lawrence, senior Matt Flynn of Tewksbury pitched and allowed no hits over five innings before the game was halted because of the 10-run mercy rule.

A seven-run second inning led the Rams to the lopsided victory.

Sophomore Dyllon Pratt hit a two-run home run while sophomore Will Trach of Wilmington also had two RBIs.

Senior Brendan Lee and senior Brody Amenkowicz also drove in runs for Shawsheen.

In a 6-0 victory over Essex, Trach struck out 11 in a two-hit, complete-game shutout.

Pratt and junior Will Holloway of Tewksbury each had two-run doubles in a four-run third inning to spark Shawsheen.

Holloway finished with three RBIs and Nate Galanis of Tewksbury also had two hits and drove in one run.

Against AC, junior Lukas Poirier pitched for Shawsheen and allowed only three hits over six innings, striking out seven and not allowing any earned runs.

Galanis had the RBI and two hits for the Rams while Poirier, Pratt and Trach also had hits.

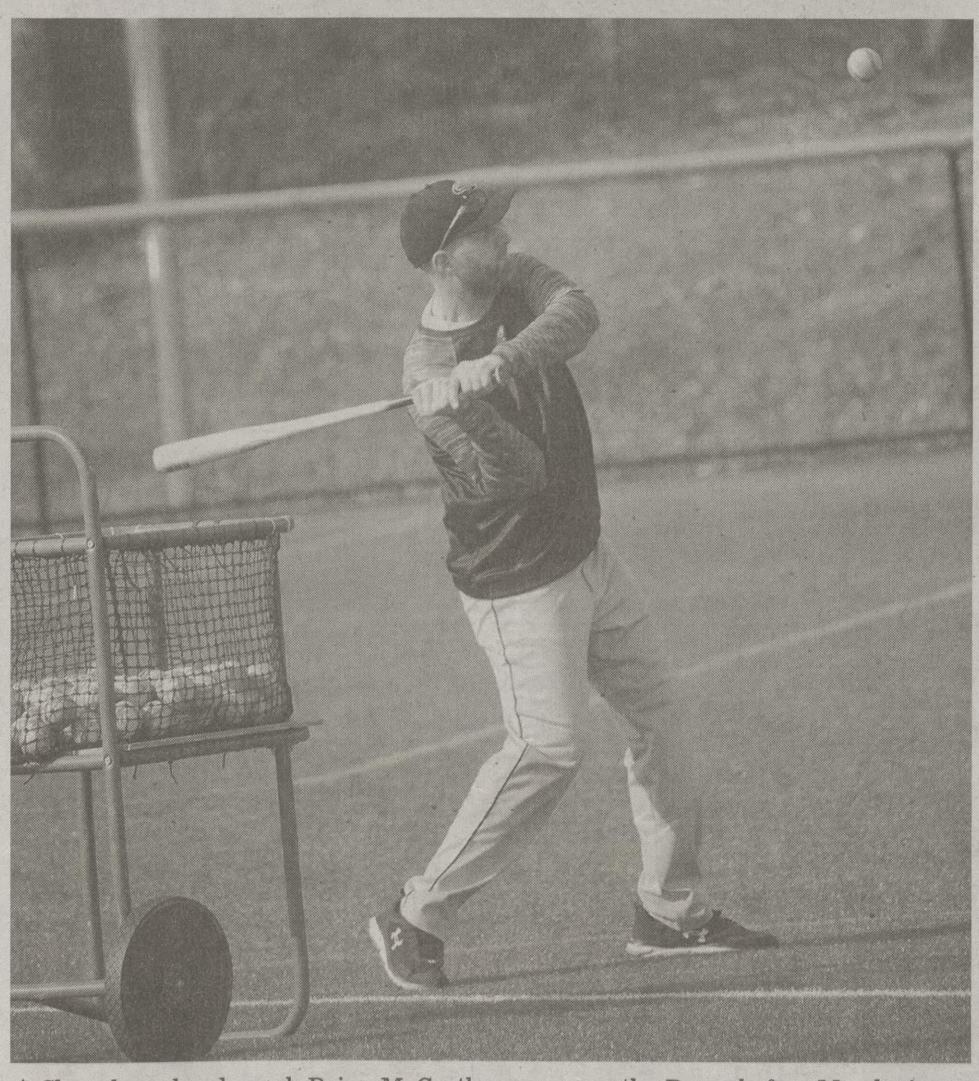
SOFTBALL STARTS FAST

Despite a 13-10 loss against Northeast Regional to open the season, the Shawsheen Tech softball team settled down and won its next two games.

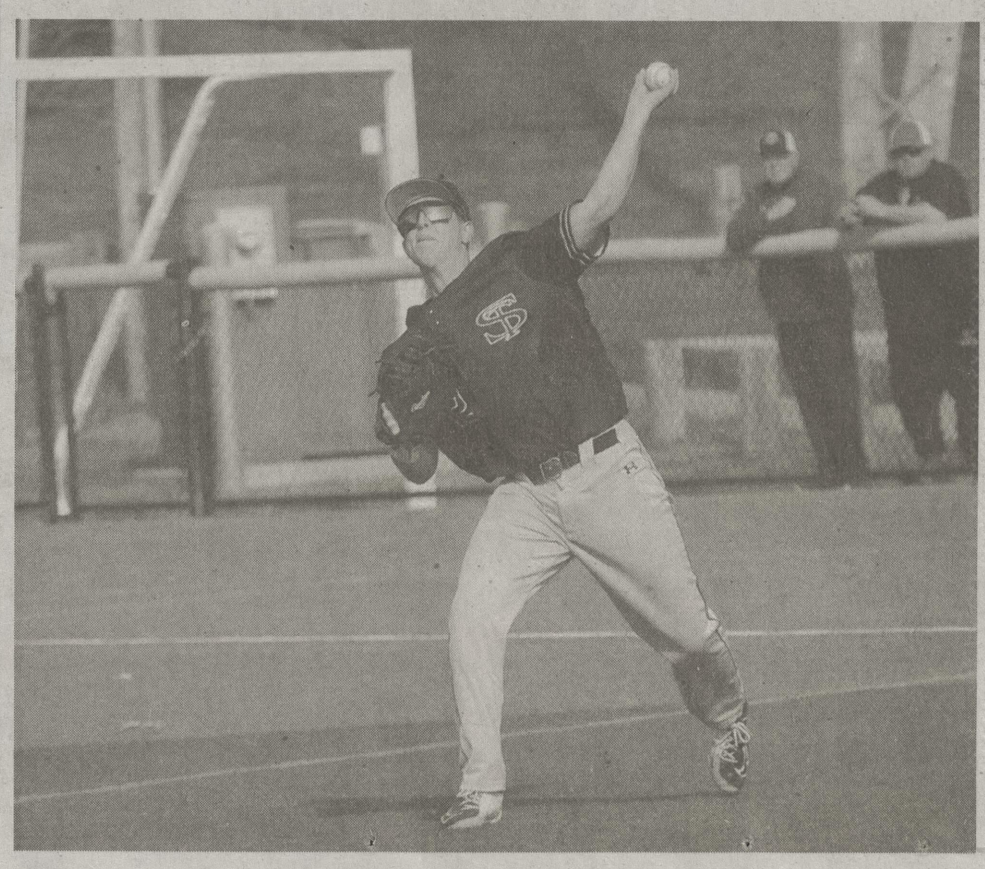
The Rams edged Minuteman Regional by a 2-1 score and then crushed Greater Lawrence, 22-4.

Reagan Bowden had six RBIs for the Rams against Greater Lawrence.

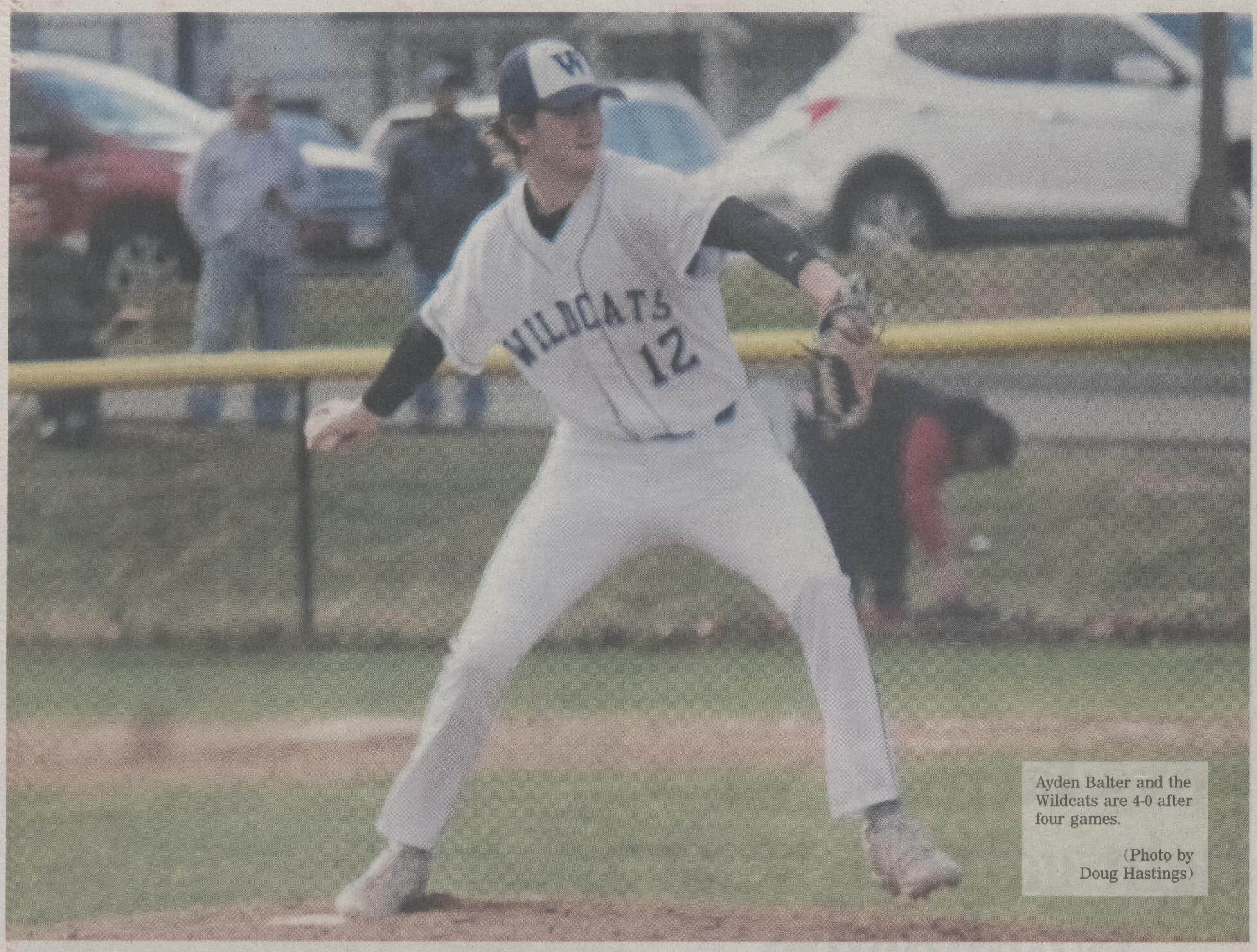
Against Minuteman, pitcher Claire Murphy had 13 strikeouts.



▲ Shawsheen head coach Brian McCarthy warms up the Rams before Monday's game with Dracut. (Photo by Doug Hastings)



▶ Brody Amenkowicz makes a throw during a recent game. (Photo by Doug Hastings)



Ayden Balter and the Wildcats are 4-0 after four games.

(Photo by Doug Hastings)

Baseball team improves to 4-0

Wins over Watertown and Stoneham continue hot start for Wildcats

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The Wilmington High baseball team kept up its fast start with recent wins over Stoneham and Watertown to improve to 4-0.

The Wildcats came from behind to beat Stoneham, 4-3.

Down 2-1 heading into the top of the seventh, WHS scored three times to take a 4-2 lead.

Stoneham scored a run in the bottom of the seventh, but could not even the score.

Brian Banks tossed a complete game, six hitter for Wilmington, striking out six and walking one.

Eric Spinney went 2 for 4 with an RBI to lead the offense while Ryan Gray had the other Wildcat RBI.

Noah Spencer had the other hit for Wilmington.

Scoring runs for WHS was Spencer, Gray, Ayden Balter and Kyle Gabaree.

Last Friday, Wilmington defeated Watertown under the lights at Watertown High, 9-6.

The 'Cats used a six-run fourth inning to break a 3-3 tie.

WHS coach Matt McManus used three pitchers during the win.

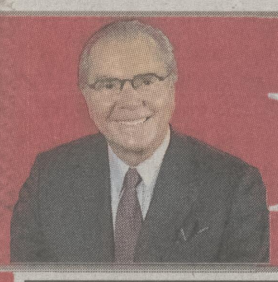
Austin Harper started and threw the first three frames before Gabaree went the next 2.1 innings and Noah Spencer finished up. Spencer tossed 1.2 innings, striking out two and allowing one hit.

On offense, Wilmington had seven hits and drew 12 walks.

Michael Dynan was 2 for 4, walked, drove in two runs and scored a run to lead the way while Harper was 1 for 3 with two walks and two runs scored.

Banks drew three walks, had an RBI and scored a run and Balter cracked a triple and had an RBI.

Gray and Jacob Doherty also drove in runs for Wilmington while Connor Lovell had two hits and walked once. Doherty scored twice and walked twice during his busy day.



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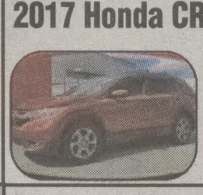
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